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A NEW MAYOR TAKES THE HELM

It was time this week for a new Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian to take the helm, and Coun Sian Vaughan duly took office at the annual mayor-making ceremony. Her consort will be Robert Vaughan, familiar to GEM readers as part of the team that supplies the very readable Cowbridge RFC match reports. The new deputy mayor is Coun Terry Williams, and his Consort will be his wife Jane. The Mayor and Consort are pictured with the mace-bearers, Barry Jenkins (left) and Geoff Herman. See next week's GEM for more photos of the mayor-making evening. (Photograph by Mike Wilcock).

Local pupils' public speaking triumph at Cambridge event

TWO Cowbridge pupils were part of a public speaking team at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg which has become the first Welsh school ever to win the English Speaking Union Churchill National Public Speaking Competition for Schools (ESU).

The road to glory started when the ESU involved pupils from across Wales in heats during November and December, culminating in the Welsh Final at Ty Hywel in Cardiff Bay on March 14.

The deputy presiding officer of the National Assembly presented the Fairwood Shield to the winners, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg from Barry, who produced an outstanding performance.

The Welsh winners then went forward to the UK National final held at Churchill College, Cambridge, on April 22, where their competition was mainly from private and public schools from across England.

There, for the first time ever, Ysgol Bro Morgannwg triumphed in the competition, winning the title of Best Team with Twm Aled (Welsh St Donats) being judged the Best Chairperson and Huw Jones (Llanblethian) the Best Speaker. Tia Roach (Penarth) was the Questioner.

Year-10 pupil Huw based his speech on the Winston Churchill quotation "There is nothing wrong in change, if it is in the right direction. To improve is to change, so to be perfect is to have changed often."

Ann Jones, deputy presiding officer of the National Assembly for Wales, said: "I was delighted to present the winning shield to Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg at the public speaking Welsh final in Cardiff in March, and I am not surprised to hear that the school has gone on to win the UK Final.

"From my position chairing full meetings of the Assembly, it is interesting to see how good public speaking skills can quickly catch the imagination and interest of an audience. Whether we are talking about politicians or not, we all respond to a powerful speaker, the kind of person who can grab your attention and hold your interest."

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Tia Roach, Twm Aled and Huw Jones

Pollution levels need to be safe, not 'regulated'

YET again I had the pleasure of reading a response from the inaptly named 'Biomass'. I would like to respond on just two points:

Firstly, when the company claims that the impact of their pollution will be negligible, we should bear in mind that they are not measuring this against what are considered to be safe limits (there are no safe limits for much of their pollution) – but rather they are using 'target' figures.

These are the levels that governments must initially reduce pollution to, based on what can be afforded, rather than what is safe.

Secondly, when they say their analysis of wind direction confirms that all readings are within regulated limits (note the careful use of wording with the word 'regulated,' rather than the word we want to see, 'safe') they neglect to point out that they published the 18th worst plume of pollution landing on the town that purported to show too high levels (even compared to the target figures) from Butrills to the hospital.

Perhaps the company could be persuaded to let us see the other 17 even worse case scenarios so that we can make up our own minds.

We are the ones having to put up with increased pollution, not the people who appear to be intent on making Barry an even bigger hotspot for breathing disorders.

Dennis Clarke, Barry.

Recycling staff were helpful

I CONCUR with Eric Howson's response to P Robinson's letter regarding staff at Llandow Recycling Centre.

Not only were they both helpful and courteous, but they even appeared glad to see someone.

This was probably helped, in no small way, by the lack of adequate signage, once off the public road, and the abysmal state of the access road – which reminded me of some of my expeditions through Bolivia, where vehicles meander in first gear around the enormous potholes.

When I rang the council office's refuse department for clarification as to the location of the site, I was told they had no idea!

Llandow staff 9/10, council office staff 1/10 (must do better).

R James, Cowbridge.

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'Planning application set to ruin historic landmark'

The 300-year-old Cottrell Lodge in Bonvilston.

COTTRELL LODGE is a well-known 300-year-old Grade 2 listed lodge on the main A48 between St Nicholas and Bonvilston.

It is a much-loved local landmark and is listed as one of the treasures of the Vale of Glamorgan. It has a rounded hallway, which was added in the late 1800s in the style of William Burgess to create a lodge for Cottrell House on the Cottrell estate.

On April 27, the Vale Planning committee passed a planning application to add a modern flat-roofed extension to the cottage, in spite of 53 written objections including objections from the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments in Wales, The Georgian Society and The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

This building belongs to future generations and is of huge importance architecturally.

The current owner should feel privileged that he is currently the custodian of such a magical little cottage and has a duty to preserve this building for future generations, the local community and history hunters.

When much of the Vale is developing at a rapid rate, it would be a travesty to lose unique buildings that reveal history and character as well.

Name and address supplied.

THANKS FOR ACTION ON TINKINSWOOD

FOLLOWING my recent letter to The GEM regarding the mindless behaviour of individuals burning rubbish in the Tinkinswood burial chamber, I would like to thank Rebecca Exley, volunteer coordinator at Valeways, for making the police and Cadw aware of this incident.

I would also like to thank the volunteers of the Princes Trust for making this special place safe and accessible to all.

Dave Annis, Barry.

'Publicise names of beach-hut lucky winners'

FOLLOWING our recent letter to The GEM published in the April 20 issue, and the response in the May 11 issue supporting our views, we would ask that, in the 'interests of transparency', the names of those who were offered a second year's annual rental of the beach huts at Barry Island be made public.

In addition, the names of the 'lucky winners' of future draws (which have been promised from next season onwards), also be made public.

This is common practice in many draws for charities, and we feel that the Council has an obligation, as a public body and in the interests of fair play, to allow access to this information.

Mr FK and Mrs A J Tancock, Barry.

'Don't overload your vehicle when recycling' a reader warns

I AM writing this letter with regard to the potential hazards of transporting waste materials in private vehicles to the recycling centre at Atlantic Trading Estate, although the principle applies to all centres.

I assure you that my intentions are genuinely linked to a concern for people's safety.

It is that time of year again, spring clean, tidy up the garden, clear out the garage, do DIY jobs etc; all jobs which create unwanted recyclable waste or items. Some will go in the kerbside collection but much will need disposal at one of the Vale's recycling centres, such as at Atlantic Trading Estate.

Like many residents I am a visitor to this facility, which is an excellent addition to the kerbside collection service. On my visits, however, I note that some people fill their vehicles, literally, including the car boot, back seats and even front seats with all sorts of items and materials for disposal.

Very often the materials consist of sharp, heavy or bulky items which are often not secured but placed on seats or wedged in with little though for the vehicle carrying suitability or capacity.

With a view to the safety of all drivers and passengers in such vehicles, I wanted to remind people of the potential hazards this creates for the vehicle occupants.

In the event of the need to brake suddenly, or if involved in a minor or major collision, any insecure items or materials may end up becoming projectiles within the vehicle's passenger compartment.

This is one of the reasons for rear seat belts to prevent persons being thrown forward in an uncontrolled manner, so why would we create a situation where potentially lethal items of waste are placed in the seating area of our vehicles?

So please, give a serious thought for your own safety and that of anybody who might be travelling with you.

Of course the chances of occurrence may be slim, but with some extra thought you may be able to prevent an unfortunate injury or worse where there may not have been one.

Yes: it might mean more than one trip by restricting materials to the car's boot, or maybe even the payment for council collection, which could possibly be split between neighbours who have bulk items to dispose of as I know the charge will be prohibitive for some, but surely these options are better than the potential risk to your wellbeing.

A concerned resident of the Vale.

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18 Thur	11.47	7.9		
19 Fri	00.21	7.8	12.54	7.7
20 Sat	01.33	7.8	14.11	7.8
21 Sun	02.48	8.0	15.22	8.2
22 Mon	03.56	8.4	16.28	8.6
23 Tues	04.55	9.1	17.22	9.2
24 Wed	05.48	9.6	18.15	9.8
25 Thur	06.37	10.1	19.04	10.2

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Chamber of Trade's appeal aims to light up the town for Christmas

COWBRIDGE traders always display Christmas trees and decorative lights at their own cost each year, and there were some particularly nice garlands last Christmas, which really added to the ambience in the town.

Kate Thomas, of Sylvia Williams Chemist, on behalf of the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade (CoT, provided The GEM with this update on the Christmas lights.

She said: "It is not usually the remit of a CoT in general to provide the banner street lighting for towns,.

"However, due to a lack of progress on this matter over a period of years, the CoT in Cowbridge made a decision to see what it can do to rectify this situation.

"The Vale Council has deemed the lamp posts unsuitable to hold lighting, so we are aiming to get elegant banner lighting for the town.

"We have been working hard over the last year to raise funds to provide the lights. After a number of events organised by the CoT, including a disco in the Duke, a ball in The Bear and a quiz in the rugby club, we are really pleased to announce that we have achieved our first goal and purchased the lights.

"Our thanks go to Ester Hitchcock of Jon Ian, Chris Legg of 39 and 41 High St, and Simon, Jack and Shelia of The Elephant and Bun for these events and all those who attended.

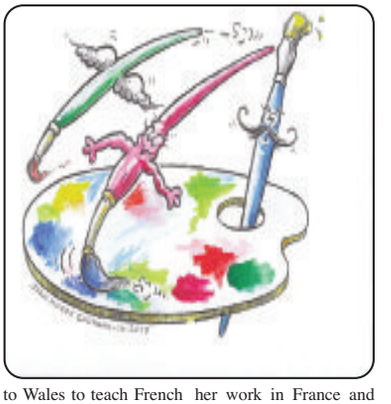
"We now need to raise another £9,500 towards the infrastructure and set-up of the lights. Julian Hitchcock from The Bear Hotel has kindly offered to give us the proceeds from the Champagne Tent on the Saturday night of the Cowbridge Food Festival, on May 27. Tickets are available from The Bear Reception. We hope it will be a sell out event.

"We would very much like to get the lights up this year and if anyone feels able to make a donation, I would be delighted if they contacted me on 01446 773588 or *smk.thomas1@gmail.com*

From left to right: David Houlton, Régine Williams and Robert Cope.

Cowbridge artists to exhibit in twin town of Clisson

CONTINUING the 25th anniversary of the Cowbridge-Clisson twinning link, artists from Cowbridge have been invited to exhibit their paintings in Clisson this summer, where they will hang alongside paintings from local artists in an exhibition entitled 'Les Pinceaux Vagabondes' (*Restless Brushes*).



Over 30 paintings will be on show.

Vice-President of the Clisson Twinning Committee, Anne-Colette Garreau, said: "Welsh artists from Cowbridge have been hoping for some time that a joint exhibition could be mounted. Three artists from Cowbridge will join four from Clisson in this, our first ever artist exchange."

The artists are (from Cowbridge): **Robert Cope**: Influenced by the impressionists, he is a globetrotter, who paints landscapes and Welsh gardens.

Régine Williams: Born in France but came to Wales to teach French in Cowbridge. After a Master's degree in Fine Arts, she began painting still life and self portraits.

David Houlton: His geometric paintings inspired by the 1917 Russian Revolution and current world politics have been exhibited in several well-known art galleries.

From Clisson, **Claudette Bourray**: Paints in a figurative style. She runs workshops at the Cordelier Centre in Clisson, teaching pastels, oils and watercolours.

Joëlle Vassogne: Has a Master's degree in Fine Arts and has exhibited her work in France and Belgium.

Roselyne Civel: Loves gardens, animals, nature and travelling, subjects that are reflected in her paintings.

Jean-Pierre Garreau: Once decorated sets for the *Magic Roundabout*, but now describes himself as a "wandering artist".

The Cowbridge-Clisson exhibition, 'Les Pinceaux Vagabondes,' can be seen at various galleries in Clisson between May 15 and June 30.

The artists hope it will be possible to bring the exhibition to Cowbridge in due course.

COWBRIDGE CAMPANOLOGISTS CONQUER CAPABLE COMPETITION

ON Saturday, May 13 at St John the Baptist Church Llanblethian, the Cowbridge Parish Bellringers came first in the call change section of the Llandaff Branch's annual bell-ringing competition.

A spokesperson said: "The Cowbridge Parish Bellringers faced fierce competition from the other six bands that entered, but your local band rang with precision and were triumphant on the day.

"The competition was followed with a scrumptious tea, enjoyed by all participants."

The ancient art of bell ringing provides many health benefits as well as affording the fellowship of being part of a team. If you would be interested in joining us contact Nic on 07711 633751.

Merched Y Wawr – latest news

MAI yw'r mis ar gyfer ein gwibdaith flynyddol. Eleni aethom i Ardd Fotaneg Genedlaethol Cymru yn Llanarthne lle bu'r haul yn tywynnu arnom.

Pleser oedd cerdded yn hamddenol trwy'r gerddi a gweld y prosiectau newydd sydd ar waith yno.

Aethom ymlaen i westy'r Falcon yng Nghaerfyrddin i gael cinio lle'r oedd dwy o'n cyn-aelodau, Mair Meredith a Morina Lloyd, yn aros amdanom. Bu Morina yn ysgrifennyddd y gangen ac mae hi a'i gŵr Glyn wedi symud i Aberhonddu i fyw.

Bu Mair yn aelod am dros 40 mlynedd ac yn drysorydd am flynyddoedd lawer. Mae hi a'i gŵr John newydd symud i Gaerfyrddin i fyw.

Cyflwynwyd gwaith croesbwyth o'r gair "Croeso" mewn ffrâm i Mair i'w osod yn ei chartref newydd fel gwerthfarogiad o'i chyfraniad diflino i'n cangen dros yr holl flynyddoedd. Gwnaethpwyd yr anrheg gan Lynne Clement, aelod medrus o'n cangen.

Cawsom ddiwrnod wrth ein boddau yng nghwmni'n gilydd yn yr heulwen.

We sauntered leisurely around the garden in bright sunshine and were able to observe new projects in progress.

We went on to enjoy a late lunch at the Falcon Hotel in Carmarthen where we were met by two ex-members of our branch, Morina Lloyd and Mair Meredith. Morina and her husband Glyn have moved to Brecon.

Mair and her husband John have recently moved to Carmarthen. Mair was a member of our branch for over 40 years and treasurer for many years.

In recognition of her unstinting contribution to our branch over the years we presented Mair with a framed work in cross stitch of the word 'Croeso' for her to place in her new home. Lynne Clement, one of our talented members, created the gift.

We thoroughly enjoyed our day out in good company in the sunshine.

Cowbridge Merched Y Wawr

MAY is the month of our annual trip and this year we visited the National Botanic Garden of Wales at Llanarthne.

Councillors thank supporters

WE wish to thank all our supporters in the recent election, especially those who helped deliver leaflets across the ward.

We will continue to work for all who live or have businesses in the Cowbridge area.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Llangan Primary School

AFTER a busy two weeks of testing, the children of Llangan School are looking forward to the end of term.

On Friday, May 19, there will be a tag rugby tournament at St David's Primary School, Colwinston, and on Tuesday, May 23, pupils are taking part in a maths competition which will also take place at St David's Primary School.

There is still time to contribute to Llangan School with clothing and shoes. It would be helpful if contibutors could weigh the bags for collection. It will take place on Friday, May 19 at the school.

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PASSION PLAY IN PETERSON

Photographs by IAN DIXON

St Peter's Church and Croes Y Parc Chapel combined to produce the Annual Passion Play, which took place place on Saturday April 15.

The play, which stopped at various locations in Peterson-Super-Ely, acted out five stations of the cross. It began at the Chapel and finished at the Church and Community Hall.

Here, the performance was followed by refreshments; with a Easter Egg hunt prepared for the children.

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Llantwit Major Victorian Fair – a family fun day on June 24

THIS year's Llantwit Major Victorian Fair is going to be held on Saturday, June 24 and organisers have promised a great day out for the kids.

Everything is being planned by the town's events committee, and chairman, Byron Evans, told The GEM that preparations are well under way.

The fair will be held in the town hall area, but it will coincide with a market day at the Precinct which will provide a real festival atmosphere throughout Llantwit.

Byron said: "If people would like to help as stewards or volunteers on the day, they can go to Llantwit events committee on Facebook."

People providing the entertainment and hosting stalls – and visitors if they wish – are encouraged to dress in Victorian garb as a bit of extra fun.

Secretary of the events committee, Liz Evans, explained: "Stalls will lead down from the Precinct to the old part of town.

"In the town hall car park there's going to be a marquee for children which will have circus acts and face-painting.

"There will be a stage in the town hall car park with acts performing from 11am until 5pm. We've got bands, Rock Choir, ladies' barbershop singers and school choirs – all local.

"We will also have a funfair and a food area with quite a few stalls."

The organisers will be making more announcements in the next few weeks.

Liz added: "What we're aiming for is a great family day out."

There is also going to be a market day held at the Precinct this Saturday, May 20.

Pupils' triumph

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Anne Jones continued: " I would also like to congratulate the organiser, Marjorie Page, on her dedicated efforts over the years."

Marjorie Page, said: "Unfortunately I wasn't well enough to be there but one of our branch committee members supported them, and will give me more detail on his return, I'm sure.

"Thank you so much for identifying their talent and sending them onwards and upwards"

There's dogged determination from Angelwood Lodge dog boarding!

ON May 11, Angelwood Lodge, which provides 'home dog boarding' in Llantwit Major, presented a cheque for £230 to Friends of the Dogs, Wales.

A spokesperson said: "They donated £1 per dog for every day that they stayed with them between January and March 2017, and wish to say a huge 'thank you' to all their clients who made this possible.

"The money will be going straight into the vet fund for Jasper's double entropian surgery, and old Bob's dental treatment.

"Penny and Charlie's client dogs only know love; unfortunately, not every dog's story starts this way. Many dogs are abandoned which puts an enormous financial strain on organisations like these. The dogs are only kept for seven days under council care, which is when organisations like Friends of the Dogs, Wales step in."

See some of the dogs waiting for a new home at www.friendsofthedogs.org.uk.

Dementia awareness session

THE steering group for a 'dementia friendly' community in Cowbridge have organised a dementia awareness session day on Thursday, May 18 during Dementia Awareness Week (May 14-18).

Three sessions will take place in the Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Cowbridge, at 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

For further information, contact 07887 822333 Steven.chatwood@outlook.com.

CHURCH CELEBRATES CHRISTIAN AID WEEK WITH A CAKE SALE!

Photographs by IAN DIXON

The St Peter's Church Entertainment Committee held it's annual Christian Aid Tea Party on Sunday 7th May.

The charitable event took place in Peterson Super Ely Church and Community Hall.

In preparation for the party, the ladies prepared a scrumptious spread of homemade cakes, scones and sandwiches. These delights were served upon the hall's flower-decked tables, on nothing but the best china.

Pupils' success in Urdd competition

Ysgol Iolo Morganwg pupils with their winning entries.

ON Monday, May 8, Ysgol Iolo Morganwg pupils celebrated their success in the regional round of the Urdd Eisteddfod art and craft competition.

Their work will now represent Cardiff and the Vale at the Urdd National Eisteddfod – in the 2D creative work (textiles) and photography categories.

Headteacher Rhian Williams said: "The children have created some wonderful pieces of art. We wish them every success representing Cardiff and the Vale at the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Bridgend at the end of the month."

Barry & Vale Jazz and Blues Festival

BARRY & Vale Jazz & Blues Festival kicks off tomorrow night, Friday, May 19, at Barry Yacht Club.

The concept of a jazz festival in the town goes back to the summer of 2014.

One of the organisers, local photographer Gemma Collard, explained: "A group of like-minded folk came together with a love of live music and the Barry and Vale community and the weekend was born. We wanted to bring a 'variety genre' music festival that was free for everyone in the area to attend."

The first festival proved a success – and now the third one is about to take place.

It is sponsored by the Vale Council and Barry Town Council, but organisers say they would like to see a commercial sponsor stepping up to the plate in future years.

Gemma said: "It seems we've got a good reputation – with a solid independent sponsor on our side we really could make this little festival a sought-after date on the calendar, putting Barry on the jazz map."

Gemma emphasised that people need to support the festival for it to survive.

"It's a case of 'use it or lose it' going forward."

So, what is planned for the 2017 festival? (Remember all the events are family friendly and free to attend.)

Friday, May 19: 7pm – Dan Burnett, solo soul, blues and jazz piano vocalist, makes his return to Barry & Vale Jazz & Blues, opening the weekend at Barry Yacht Club. 8:30pm – Continuing at the yacht club, there's a night of vintage swing with the Reverend DJ Dai Hep. Enjoy the music, tap your toes or get on your dancing shoes. Last year people danced into the wee hours.

Saturday, May 20: 11:30am – Soho Sopranos with Jazz in the Park, flute and saxophone live from Victoria Park's bandstand. It's a family event and will last two hours. 3pm – The Jake Leg Jug Band bring you the authentic sounds of 1920s and 1930s America – jazz, blues, gospel, ragtime – and put their own twist on it, live at the Cwm Talwg Pub. 6pm – Stay at the Cwm Talwg Pub for and evening with Chris Quinn, solo acoustic guitar singer songwriter. Chris has been receiving glowing reviews across the UK for his sell-out shows.

Sunday May 21: 1pm – Coffee Cove hosts a quintet made up of some of south Wales' most acclaimed musicians who between them, have performed and recorded with many of the leading figures in British jazz. They will be drawing heavily on the cool West Coast sound of the '50s and '60s. 3pm – Stay at Coffee Cove, for the finale of the third annual Barry & Vale Jazz & Blues with the rousing Plucking Fourstrings, a collective of local ukulele enthusiasts with their jazz and blues set.

Musical moments at the Boverton WI

BOVERTON WI were treated to an evening of song at the May meeting, thanks to the tuneful trio of John Sadler, his wife Anne and their pianist, Angela.

John, a fine baritone, started with a powerful offering of 'Ol Man River' and from then on, the group was entertained with a varied programme from 1950s musicals.

His rendition of 'When I Get Too Old To Dream' was enough to bring a tear to the eye, John and Anne's duet from *Gigi*, 'Ah yes, I remember it well' was really amusing.

The concert ended with 'Oh What a Beautiful Morning' from *Oklahoma* and everyone joined in enthusiastically. It was agreed it had been a wonderful evening.

The vote of thanks was given by Bobby Brown.

The competition for the evening – a theatre programme – was judged by John and the winner was Pat Walker.

President Joan Davis reminded the group of the summer outing to Winchcombe and Stow-on-the-Wold on Saturday, June 10, and announced that as the 'knit and natter winter gatherings' were over for the year, they were being replaced by monthly walks. The first starter walk was a gentle stroll to Llantwit beach in June, with all of the participants meeting at the town hall car park.

Vice president Diane read a report from the council meeting and said that it had been an excellent day with interesting speakers.

The speaker for June will be from the Dogs Trust, who will hopefully bring along some canine friends for everyone to meet.

Boverton WI meets at the Llantonion Hall in Llantwit Major on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm and anyone wishing to come along will be made very welcome.

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BARNARDO'S HELPERS ENJOY A SPRING LUNCH IN COWBRIDGE

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

THE Cowbridge Barnardo's Helper Group held a spring lunch at the Cricket Club, Cowbridge on May 10.

The lunch, which raised funds for Barnardo's Cymru, was enjoyed by over 80 supporters of the charity.

A spokesperson said: "Barnardo's Cymru provides services across Wales working with vulnerable children, young people, families and communities, helping them to build a better future."

Standing left to right: Dina Richards, Tina Edmunds, Eraina O'Hagan, Carole Sherratt, Jo Knapp. Sitting left to right: Mary Bird, Heather Maclehose, Morfudd Meredith the Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan), Chris Gill, Jan Lewis.

IN BRIEF

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will be holding a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, May 20 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale will hold a session on Tuesday, May 30 from 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed, just come along and chat to an adviser. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Stained Glass Window Festival

THIS year's Stained Glass Window Festival takes place at St Paul's Church, Pontyclun on Saturday, June 10 from 11am to 5pm and Sunday, June 11 from 12 noon to 5pm, followed by Songs of Praise at 6pm when Rev Sue will announce the favourite windows.

Refreshments will be available on both days.

Story telling and music at St Donat's Church

ATLANTIC College students, who through the year have enjoyed Sunday lunches provided by St Donat's Church members, thanked the members by treating them to an evening of story telling and music.

Story tellers were from the UK and Jamaica and the musicians from Italy and China.

Veterans' charity issues invitation to Island residents

The inaugural meeting of veterans at Barry Athletic Club took place in January – now veterans are inviting local residents to come along to a coffee morning and table top sale.

BARRY ISLAND residents have been invited to attend a coffee morning and table top sale at Barry Athletic Club on the Island hosted by Armed Forces veterans on Tuesday, May 23, from 10am until 1pm.

Veterans regularly meet at the club on Tuesday at those hours, and Change Step, the charity that runs the weekly drop in centre at the club, wants to give local people the opportunity to meet the veterans.

Dave Ireland of Change Step told The GEM: "It is an opportunity for local residents to meet the veterans and look at the club.

"We are also keen to encourage more veterans from around the Vale to come along. There will be an advice and information service available on the day."

Earlier this year, The GEM reported how the Barry Athletic Club had generously responded to an appeal by veterans for a regular place to meet.

Dave said: "At the last meeting there were 15 people, but we know there are more people out there who would like to come to the meetings. The more people who become aware of the group, the more it will expand.

"For some, it's just the chance to socialise with fellow veterans, for others, who are isolated, it is an opportunity to meet up with other people for three hours and receive help if needed."

Dave explained: "Last week we were able to help a guy who was in dire financial difficulties. He had no money and we were able to help him with a month's shopping from Tesco.

"Another recent case involved a veteran with a degenerative eye condition. He wasn't going to be seen by a specialist until January, but I was able to use the Armed Forces Covenant to ensure he will be seen this June.

"I spoke to the hospital to make them aware of the covenant and that he should have a priority appointment."

Change Step will also provide advocates for veterans too.

Dave said: "I know of a veteran who is due to go to a local hospital appointment in July and I will be there to support him and act as an advocate if needed."

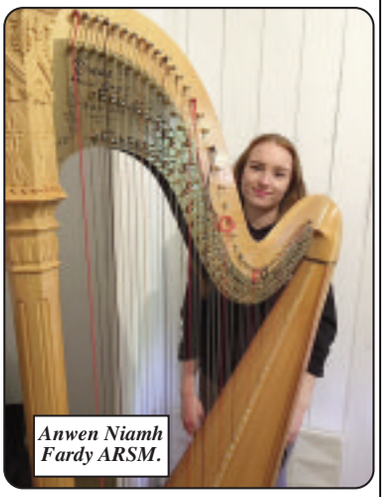
Change Step mentors can also help if a veteran is arrested by attending a custody suite.

It is estimated that one in 10 of the population could be ex-Forces.

Since 2014, Change Step in Wales has helped 1,200 people – the charity is running along at a referral day, and its eight peer mentors are regularly in touch with 400 veterans.

Anyone interested in a table at the sale can speak to Dave on 07956 579700. Funds raised will go to local veterans.

Anwen gains a distinction in harp performance



Anwen Niamh Fardy ARSM.

ANWEN Fardy, a harpist aged 17 from near Llandow, was one of the first musicians to sit the new ARSM (Associate of the Royal Schools of Music) Diploma in music performance which was introduced worldwide by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools Music this year.

The performance-only diploma provided an opportunity for Anwen to demonstrate her performance skills after Grade 8. Anwen had to perform a 30-minute balanced programme of music and was assessed on her musical communication skills, interpretation and technical delivery.

She heard last Friday that she was awarded the Diploma with Distinction, having attained a pass mark of 92 per cent. She may now use the letters ARSM after her name.

All in all it was a good day for Anwen as on the same day as her Diploma result she was also selected to be head girl at Ysgol Gyfun Glantaf!

Anwen was also recently successful as an under-19 harp soloist at the Cardiff & Vale Urdd competition and will be representing the area at the Urdd National Eisteddfod, which will be held this year in Bridgend from May 29 to June 3.

The under-19 harp competition, one of the highlights of the week, attracts the very best harpists nationwide and will be held on Friday, June 2. If you are there early for the preliminary competitions please go and cheer Anwen on.

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VALE FOR AFRICA CONCERT AT ST DONATS

Jane Hutt AM (fourth from right) with Jackie and members of Vale for Africa

VALE AM Jane Hutt attended the Vale for Africa charity concert at Atlantic College, St Donats, and said it was 'wonderful'.

The concert was performed by City Voices Cardiff Choir, supported by the students of UWC Atlantic College music department.

More than £2,000 was raised, which will go towards the Vale for Africa Atlantic College Student Scholarship that supports a student from Uganda to come to Wales for two years to study at the college.

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Tribute to Peggy Weaving

WE at Barry Ladies' Choir are very saddened to hear the news that Peggy Weaving has died.

A spokesperson writes:

"It was in 1969 that Peggy became the musical director of the choir and remained a driving force until her retirement in 2009. What a musician she was and totally dedicated to her 'girls'.

Having had some lean years, prior to her taking up the position, Peggy steered the choir from strength to strength with some 45 members.

Competitions were abundant at this time and the choir entered at the Hereford Festival, Bath, Bristol, Cadbury Bourneville Music Festival and the Miners' Eisteddfod in Porthcawl, to name but a few.

Many trophies were won along the way.

As a school teacher, Peggy had the gift of aiding her girls to find their own voices and mentored individuals on their solo musical performance paths.

She was skilled at arranging music to suit the ladies' voice ranges and was particularly fond of Ivor Novello's choral arrangements. The choir has a number of his songs in their repertoire including 'We'll Gather Lilacs' – one of Peggy's favourites.

These and other pieces were performed at numerous concerts and events for various organisations during the afternoons or evenings, taking the choir around Barry, the Vale and Cardiff.

Even in her advancing years, Peggy's boundless skills and energy encouraged the girls to always give of their best.

Barry's link with twin town Rheinfelden was enhanced in 2008 by an invitation for the choir to sing at its summer festival. Now in her late 80's, this was the first time that Peggy had flown and though apprehensive, she revelled in the opportunity to show off her girls in pastures new. Needless to say, the hosts and audiences took Peggy into their hearts.

Shortly before her retirement in 2009 Peggy was presented with an award by Barry Town Council. This was in recognition of her services to music in Barry, spanning five decades.

The choir was Peggy's life for so many years and after she retired as musical director, she accepted the invitation to become its president and so retained a critical interest in Barry Ladies' Choir's progress.

On Friday, May 12 the choir was honoured to sing at Peggy's funeral. Any number of her favourite songs could have been chosen – the decision being 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You', a two-part arrangement for ladies' voices by John Rutter.

What a dynamic, direct, talented lady Peggy was.

"She will be sorely missed by her friends and family and especially by her 'girls' of Barry Ladies' Choir."

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'Could efficiency issue be Achilles' heel for Barry energy plant?'

by GEM REPORTER

A BARRY resident, who lives around 300 metres from the energy plant under construction at the docks, says efficiency requirements might be a key issue in determining whether the project goes ahead or not.

Biomass UK No 2 Ltd is currently applying for an environmental permit to operate the facility.

Last week, the company told The GEM that it would be subject to stringent controls; that it would produce a negligible impact on air quality; and that the plant would also operate to strict emission limits which would be monitored and enforced by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) through the permit.

Ian Blackhouse moved from Penarth to Barry in January 2016, after planning approval had been given for the plant.

He told The GEM: "I live about 300 metres from the plant as the crow flies. I can see it from my upstairs back window. I saw this thing going up and thought it was a warehouse."

He later discovered what it was when he received leaflets through his letterbox from people opposed to the plant.

The energy plant didn't show up on searches during the purchasing process for his home, and although he says he feels partly to blame for not realising it was on its way, Ian's experience begs the question as to whether the buying process should note successful planning applications near a house for sale.

Ian's fear is that the plant is now a fait accompli.

He said: "What happens if all our protests against the incinerator actually work and NRW refuse the application for an operating permit?

"Having spent millions of pounds on building the plant do we honestly believe that Biomass UK will simply just walk away? Of course not, they will almost certainly appeal against the decision.

"If the refusal is based on anything related to air quality they will simply throw more money at it and do whatever is necessary to nullify NRW's concerns. It might cost a bit to do that but let's not forget that their parent company, Aviva Investors, are not short of a few bob so spending a bit more won't hurt them.

"On the other hand, NRW has the ability to refuse the application on the grounds that the plant does not make efficient use of raw materials, water and energy.

"In their 2015 planning application Biomass said that one of the alterations they were proposing to make to the original application was to change the technology which would make the development more efficient and generate more electricity from the same amount of wood waste.

"Biofuelwatch, a respected UK-US based organisation that researches and campaigns on the impact of large scale industrial bioenergy, has carried out a comprehensive technical analysis of how the plant will operate which has shown that the plant will not run as efficiently as the one they had originally received approval for, and will use significantly more waste wood to generate more electricity less efficiently.

"It also contends that the US company supplying the gasification technology and equipment has not yet produced a single working commercial example anywhere in the world.

"Biofuelwatch has submitted its findings to NRW as part of the consultation process. If it was to find this to be sufficient justification to refuse the operating permit, this would place Biomass in a very difficult position, where no amount of money would be able to change the technology to meet reasonable efficiency requirements."

Ian wonders whether the efficiency issue could be the plant's 'Achilles' heel', adding: "Let's hope so – and don't let NRW brush it under the carpet."

NRW is accepting submissions from local individuals and interested parties at: permittingconsultations @naturalresourceswales.gov.uk.

Candidates standing in the Vale

THE following eight candidates will stand in the Vale in the General Election on June 8:

Camilla Beaven, Welsh Labour; Alun Cairns, Welsh Conservative; Stephen Davis-Barker, Wales Green Party; David Anthony Elston, Pirate Party UK; Jennifer Nia Geroni, Welsh Liberal Democrats; Melanie Jade Hunter-Clarke, UKIP Wales; Ian James Johnson, Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales; and Sharon Lovell, Women's Equality Party.

Pension campaigners say general election is 'chance to make their voice heard'

THE general election is a key opportunity for local women to highlight pension inequality affecting women in their 60s, a local campaigner has told The GEM.

Kay Clarke, who lives in Barry, is one of the regional administrators of the WASPI action group – 'Women Against State Pension Inequality'.

Members are campaigning against what they argue are unfair changes to the state pension age for women born on or after April 6, 1951.

Many women paid tax and national insurance on the understanding that they would start getting a pension at the age of 60, only to face a wait of further years – in Kay's case six.

Kay explained: "We ladies of a certain age have been badly hit by the lack of fair transitional arrangements for the receipt of our pension.

Kay Clarke.

"The general election is an opportunity for women in Barry and the rest of the Vale to find out what local candidates think about the issue and what they would like to see done."

Two months ago, on the day of the Budget, March 8, Kay dressed up as a suffragette and along with thousands of other women from across Britain protested at the Houses of Parliament.

A WASPI spokeswoman said the organisation welcomed Theresa May's decision to call a general election on June 8, pointing out it would give women who feel they have been treated unfairly, a chance to make their voice heard.

"This date will provide the perfect opportunity for those affected by the speed of changes in the female state pension age to make their views known at the ballot box.

"The official WASPI campaign remains politically independent, having garnered support from MPs representing all parties.

"Nevertheless, we and our supporters will be lobbying hard to ensure that parliamentary candidates remain mindful and supportive of our campaign and the votes of millions of women affected by this injustice."

For women interested in the campaign, the website is: www.waspi.co.uk.

AGA COOKERS EXCLUSIVELY AT TOPSTAK OF COWBRIDGE

TOPSTAK of Cowbridge has been appointed the exclusive outlet for AGA cookers in south Wales following the closure of the AGA shop in Cardiff.

This adds another leading brand for Topstak that is already the exclusive outlet for Everhot and Esse cooker as well as Neptune kitchens and interiors. These can be seen under one roof in their Cowbridge showroom, which also shows exclusive wood flooring from Ted Todd and stone flooring from Ca Pietra.

Working displays of the new electric AGA cookers are shown in the Neptune kitchen displays at the Topstak Cowbridge showroom. An AGA is even used for baking cakes in their Café, where the extensive range of AGA cookware is displayed and sold.

Existing and new AGA customers will be pleased to know there is easy access and plenty of parking at Topstak and their trained staff will be happy to deal with any AGA enquires.

AGA cookers are at the heart of homes and kitchens across the country, providing warmth and delicious food by taking advantage of the "always ready to cook feature" and radiant heat ovens that are hallmarks of AGA – renowned for cooking great food.

Building on the great success of their traditional oil and gas fired models, AGA have produced a new range of electric cookers designed for modern living that still have the same look and British build quality, but feature the choice of added controllability and energy saving.

The AGA Total Control and Dual Control electric ranges shown at Topstak feature various options for controlling the hotplates and also the radiant heat ovens that ensure great cooking.

Also on display is the 60 cm wide AGA 60 that is designed for small kitchens and features a controllable hotplate below the lift up lid.

AGA range cookers now come in choice of 12 colours including pistachio, claret, aubergine and duck egg blue, so there should be a colour to suit almost any style of modern or traditional décor.

Christian Brookfield, Topstak kitchen and cooker manager said:

"We are delighted to be appointed the exclusive South Wales outlet for the prestigious Aga cookers. They are an ideal match for our Neptune kitchens and compliment the immensely popular Everhot and Esse cookers. We are now a one-stop-shop for electric range cookers and kitchens."

"Our friendly no-obligation service for designing kitchen layouts to suit almost any traditional or modern styles together with an installation service is very in high demand" says Christian.

For further information, please look up Topstak on www.topstak.co.uk, visit the showroom or telephone 01446 771567.

Fortune favours the bravas

Owen Morgan with the judges.

BAR 44 won the first ever competition in London to find the best patatas bravas in 'the Battle of the Bravas'.

A spokesperson said: "The challenge took place at Spanish favourite Camino Monument, with some of the capital's best-loved Spanish restaurants and tapas bars taking part. There was one curveball invited to enter, Wales' Bar 44.

"While the popular tapa is a staple of any self-respecting Spanish bar and restaurant and, in theory, a simple dish, creating the perfect version of Patatas Bravas is no mean feat. Chefs have been known to tinker with their recipes for years, experimenting with the basic formula of fried potatoes with spicy tomatoes and aioli.

"Chefs from restaurants including Brindisa, Encant, Social Wine and Tapas, Camino, Salt and Ember Yard, Copita, Lobos Tapas, Iberica, Barica, Bar 44 and Boqueria went 'head to head' competing for the best patatas bravas."

The dishes were judged on crispiness, best sauce and the most innovative by Nieves Barragan Mohacho, Gavin Hanly (Hot Dinners), Felicity Cloake (author and Guardian columnist) and Barney Desmazery (BBC Good Food), as well as the public.

Bar 44 won the overall competition, and 'crispiest' award.

Owen Morgan of Bar 44, which has branches in Penarth, Cowbridge and Cardiff, said: "When we were invited to take part in the competition to find the best patatas bravas in London we were a little surprised as we're based in Wales, however, we were chosen as the best from outside London and we took Wales to London and won.

"Our talented team is dedicated to producing only the most outstanding flavours of Spain and our loyal customers come back time and time again. We can't wait to welcome Spanish fans for the champions league to try for themselves.

"Perhaps they are even the best in the world," said Mr Morgan.

Police partnership raises awareness of Drone Code

PC Goulding (left) and Sgt Hier on the stand at Cardiff Airport.

THE reckless or negligent actions of drone users are the focus of a joint campaign between South Wales Police, The Airport Policing Group and Cardiff Airport, it has been reported.

PC Mark Goulding, from the Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT), joined Sgt Richie Hier of the Airport Policing Group at the airport in Rhoose last week to highlight the dangers of drones and laser pens, and to educate on the offences those using them could be committing.

A static display of various technology was on show to those passing through the airport, alongside literature advertising The Drone Code, which was created by the Civil Aviation Authority to encourage responsible use of such technology.

The code reminds users of their legal obligation to fly below 400ft, at least 150ft from people and property and – crucially – never near aircraft.

The awareness-raising week was held ahead of the summer, the busiest time of the year for the airport.

This year, it will also see the added demands of the Champions League final, during which time the airport will see a significant increase in inbound and outbound flights.

Sgt Hier said: "We developed the drone safety signs in partnership with Cardiff Wales Airport to provide a reporting solution for passengers and the local community.

"It is an offence to endanger a crewed aircraft whether through the misuse of drones or laser pens and we will take action against any individual who does."

PC Goulding added: "The stand at the airport had a really positive response, and a number of passengers stopped to take an interest not only in the technology, but also in the law surrounding its use.

"Drones and laser pens are a relatively new phenomenon, and it is only the actions of an irresponsible minority that is giving the technology a negative image.

"Ensuring people are educated in how to use them safely and within the perimeters of the law is key."

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Local pupils shortlisted in Christmas stamp competition

THREE children from schools in the area have been named as regional winners in Royal Mails' children's Christmas Stamp Design Competition.

Their entries will now go through to the next stage of the competition where local judges will select the top two designs from the Wales region to go through to the final.

The children are: Darryen Champion, Newton Primary School, Porthcawl; Ava-May Bissett, Brynnau Primary School, Pontyclun; and Millie Cracknell, also of Brynnau Primary School.

Royal Mail received over 200,000 entries from children aged four-11 years-old across the UK in response to the question: 'What does the Christmas season mean to you?'

Both winning designs will have to be approved by Her Majesty The Queen.

Only three times in Royal Mail's 500-year history have children's designs been used on Christmas stamps; 1966, the year the first Christmas stamps were issued in the UK, 1981 and 2013.

There will be two winning pictures – one to appear on a 1st class stamp, the other on a 2nd class stamp. The two winners will be announced in the summer and the stamps will go on sale on November 7, 2017.

Full details can be found at www.royalmail.com/stampcompetition.

Tipper loves to socialise!

DOG of the week is Tipper, a 11-year-old Welsh terrier-Jack Russell cross.

He may be a old boy, but he has plenty of energy and enjoys his walks. He loves to socialise with dogs his own size – especially the girls – but he will need some help with his recall off lead.

Tipper can live with other dogs, but it has to be the right dog. His ideal home would be quiet and with children over 14, and he likes his home comforts.

If you can offer a retirement home to this adorable old dog, call Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725219 or visit the website.

NEW FUNDRAISER AT AMELIA TRUST

AMELIA Trust Farm has welcomed Wendy McManus as its fundraising manager.

Based in the Vale, the charity provides therapeutic support to disadvantaged and vulnerable people and the farm is open to the public as a visitor attraction throughout the year.

Karen Turnbull, director of Amelia Trust Farm, said: "We believe that no one should be excluded from society and so in order to be able to deliver our programme of support now and into the future, we recognised that more resource was needed in a dedicated fundraising role. We are very grateful to the Lloyds Bank Foundation for supporting this aim."

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A replacement roof will give your glazed extension a new lease of life and offers beneficial features such as reduced rain noise and glare at a fraction of the cost of replacing your entire conservatory. When Mr and Mrs Smith discovered that they weren't making the most of their additional space they decided to embark on a replacement roof project. Having previously used the services of the Leekes installation team over 14 years ago, Mrs Smith explained:

"We initially contracted Leekes to fit new double glazing to our bungalow some 15 years ago and being happy with the quality and standard of the work thereafter we decided to also contract Leekes to supply and build a new conservatory. This was carried out to our complete satisfaction 14 years ago."

The experienced and knowledgeable team at Leekes provided the ideal solution to convert their rarely used conservatory with a new roof.

"The conservatory build was as good as the day it was fitted but before making a decision about how we wanted to progress we initially asked Leekes to provide advice regarding resolving the ceiling problem. After receiving various options to consider including a glass roof we opted for the new UltraRoof380 system which gives the roof a tile effect finish."

The UltraRoof380 that was fitted is one of Leekes' newest and exciting products, which combines a vaulted plastered ceiling on the inside along with down lights in the roof pelmet, and an authentic but lightweight tile effect on the exterior.

There is also the option to add Velux windows to create more light. The new roof has been a welcome decision by Mr and Mrs Smith and just over a month after the UltraRoof380 was fitted they agree it has transformed their enjoyment of this newly revitalised room. Mrs Smith remarked,

"The difference is incredible with reduced rain noise, much better insulation and with the options of various inset lighting systems the room has completely changed for the better. Although still a conservatory in principle, the room feels more like another room and we have used it more over the last month than we have during the previous six months."

And about the recent service from Leekes, Mr and Mrs Smith said it was as they expected and had experienced throughout their window and conservatory purchase over 14 years ago.

"The fitters were understanding, helpful, friendly and extremely caring about our needs and the quality of work is outstanding. We would strongly recommend Leekes for ALL window and conservatory works and suggest anyone looking at a new conservatory to think hard about the roof type as the new system is nothing short of fantastic in terms of appearance and practical use."

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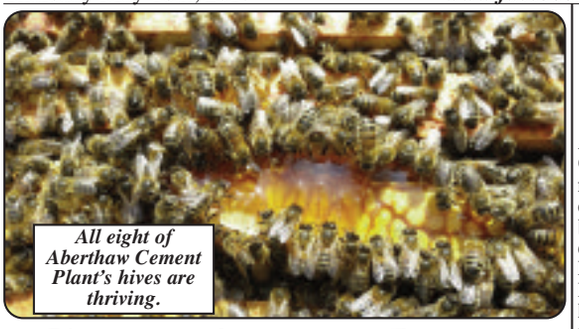

All eight of Aberthaw Cement Plant's hives are thriving.

Creating a buzz in Aberthaw

TARMAC'S Aberthaw cement plant is gearing up for a bumper crop of honey this year after the company has reported that all eight bee hives have made it through the winter.

The hives, which have been in situ at the plant's quarry since 2015, have grown at an incredible rate and the company is now looking forward to raising money through honey sales, which will go back into the local community.

Last year, Tarmac raised more than £100, which was donated to help save Rhoose Library.

Tarmac is committed to enhancing and supporting the biodiversity of the environment local to its operations and the Aberthaw bee hives are carefully managed throughout the season by external beekeepers, who have worked to increase the number of hives over the past few years.

With each colony housing approximately 10,000 bees, the harvest is exceeding expectations each year.

Recently the site underwent an inspection from DEFRA and was awarded a clean bill of health, with the inspector impressed by the promising size of the hives so early in the season.

As pollinators, bees are vital to the world's food chain but, sadly, the insect is in danger of disappearing from our environment – which would mean one third of the food we eat disappearing too.

Aberthaw Cement Plant environmental coordinator, Kara Bennett, said: "We are delighted that the hives are looking so promising this year after a dry and mild winter. Our bees are looked after incredibly well and it's this that ensures we have a great harvest.

"We've had a lot of interest in our honey production and will be selling pots to colleagues when they're available. The money raised will then go back into local community projects like last year when we donated to help save Rhoose Library."

Luke Fraser, who is one of the beekeepers, said: "We are thrilled with the progress of the hives and are really looking forward to seeing what this year brings.

"We've been keeping a watchful eye over the hives and at the beginning of the year they were the size we'd expect during the summer which is great news.

"We are now looking forward to seeing the end result and how many jars of honey are produced."

A 'yappy' ending for orphaned pup

AN orphaned Chihuahua pup has found her 'yappy' ever after, after being adopted by a devoted vet nurse at Dogs Trust Bridgend who hand-reared her from birth.

Vet Nurse Steph Hodgson doesn't usually make a habit of taking her work home with her – the last dog she rehomed from Dogs Trust was a 12-week-old Lurcher called Shelby, who is now 13 years old.

After raising Chilli, the orphaned Chihuahua pup from birth, she knew she was the one for her.

Chilli was one of a litter of four puppies who were hand-reared at the Pen-y-Fai rehoming centre from just a day old until they were ready for their forever homes at eight weeks of age.

Steph agreed to become the pups' temporary foster carer and cared for the litter at her home, working round the clock to ensure they had regular feeds and had everything they needed.

Steph said: "I see dogs of all shapes and sizes every single day and normally go for bigger dogs, so I never thought I'd end up with a tiny breed like Chilli. I fell in love with her sweet nature and cheeky character – she was special. She was originally due to go home to another family, but when that didn't go ahead as planned, I just couldn't stop thinking about her going to a home other than mine.

Steph Hodgson hand-reared the Chihuahua pup from one day old.

"I went home that night and told my husband, Chris, about her. He could see just how I attached I was, so agreed to us having her.

"The next day, we spoke to the centre manager, went through the rehoming process and she was officially ours!"

Steph has worked for Dogs Trust for 15 years. She trained at a veterinary practice on the Isle of Wight before moving to Cardiff and is now a veterinary nurse at Dogs Trust Bridgend.

Dogs Trust Bridgend rehome approximately 700 dogs a year of all shapes and sizes. If you'd like to adopt a dog, please visit the rehoming centre at Court Colman Farm, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG or call the team on 0300 303 0292; www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Steph with Chilli after adopting her from Dogs Trust Bridgend .

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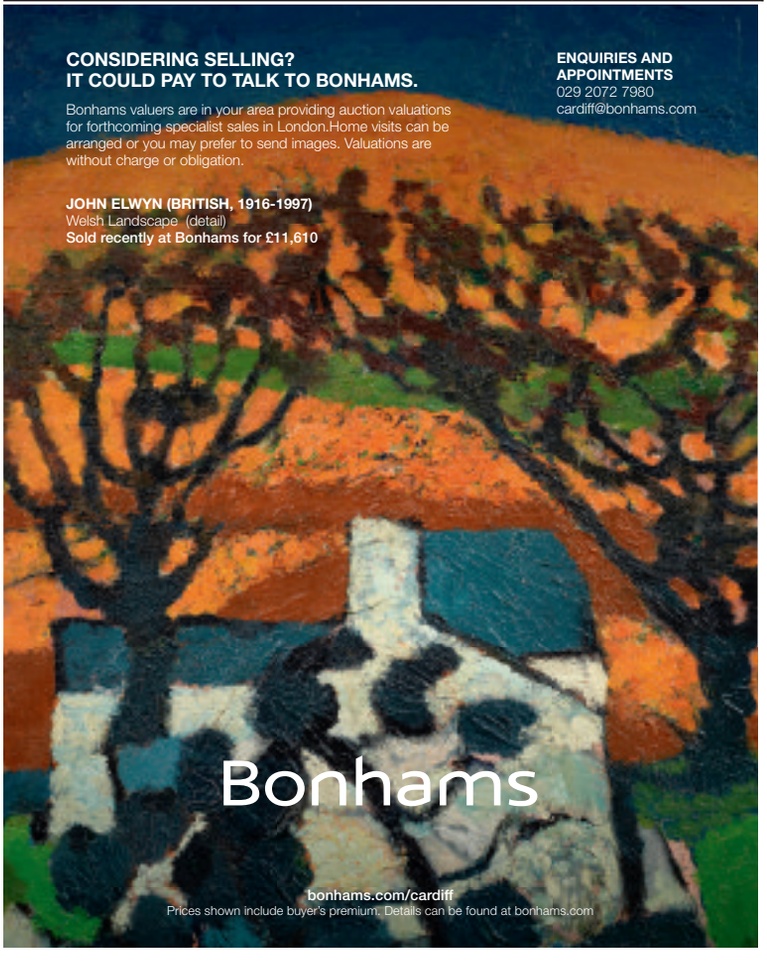

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LOCAL RESIDENTS URGED TO VOTE IN UK GENERAL ELECTION

IN June, local residents will be given the chance to elect a Member of the UK Parliament to represent them in their constituency.

Following the recent local elections, Vale residents are being urged to vote in the General Election on June 8.

Before doing so, residents must ensure that they are first registered to vote.

If you registered, or applied to register for the local elections, there will be no need to re-register to vote for the forthcoming General Election.

If you have not registered, you can do so now at *www.gov.uk/register-to-vote*, with the deadline being midnight on May 22.

To vote at the UK General Election you must be registered to vote and be:

- 18 years of age or over on polling day;
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- Anyone found guilty within the previous five years of corrupt or illegal practices in connection with an election.

Once you have registered to vote, you may wish to decide how you are going to cast that vote. There are three ways you can vote.

The first is in person - you will receive a poll card telling you which polling station to visit on June 8, and will cast your vote there.

Alternatively, you may wish to vote by post. To do so, you must have applied to register by May 22. Your application to vote by post must arrive no later than 5pm on May 23.

Finally, you can also vote by proxy. This means that you might choose someone to vote on your behalf. Again, you must have applied to register by May 22, and you must submit your application to arrive no later than 5pm on May 31.

Both you and your proxy must be registered to vote in order to vote this way.

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The GEM wraps up National Pet Month...

Bailey is a six-year-old pug who was rescued from Dogs Trust. He loves chasing skateboards and eating trifle, but hates early mornings, says owner Rebecca from Llantwit Major.

Helen Hobrough's 10-year-old King Charles Spaniels, Flossie and Flynn, enjoying a trip to a breezy seaside!

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1	Tues 1100-1230	2 m	Barry Island	Festival Launch and Barry Island Circular	Smugglers Cove Crazy Golf, Barry Island
2	Tues 1110-1600	7.5 m	St Nicholas	The Haunted Field - St Nicholas, Dyffryn and St Lythans	St Nicholas Church, St Nicholas
3	Tues 1110-1600	8-9 m	Porthkerry-Barry Island	St Curig's to Whitmore and Jackson Bays	Porthkerry Country Park, café car park
4	Wed 0915-1015	3 m	Cowbridge	Cowbridge Launch and Stroll	Cowbridge Town Hall, 31 High St, Cowbridge CF71 7AD
5	Wed 1030-1500	8 m	Cowbridge	Castle, Court & Wells	Cowbridge, car park behind the Town Hall
6	Wed 1400-1630	5 m	Cowbridge	Introduction to the Millennium Heritage Trail	Cowbridge Physic Gardens, Church Rd, Cowbridge CF71 7DB
7	Wed 1700-1830	3 m	Penarth	Panoramic Penarth	Penarth, in front of Pier Pavilion
8	Wed 1750-2000	2.5 m	Cowbridge	Vale Ale Trail VII	Cowbridge, Edmondes Arms, Cardiff Rd, CF71 7EP
9	Thurs 0830-1800	15 m	Calveriston	Coast and Country	Calveriston, Sycamore Tree Pub
10	Thurs 1000-1200	2 m	Cosmeston	A beginners introduction to Lichens at Cosmeston Lakes	Cosmeston Country Park, entrance to lakes just off the car park
11	Thurs 1100-1530	5 m	Wenvoe	Wenvoe Wildlife Sites	Wenvoe, outside the church
12	Thurs 1500-1700	3 m	Barry	A Stroll through History	The Knap, Barry, entrance to Bron Y Mar car park
13	Thurs 1630-1700	3 m	Ewenny Priory	Mediaeval Splendour	Ewenny Priory
14	Fri 0900-1500	4 m	Penarth-Lavernock	From desert to sea: The geology of the coast from Penarth to Lavernock	Penarth, the car park off Cliff Parade
15	Fri 1015-1615	9.5 m	Rhoose-Llanbelt	Rhoose to Llanbelt Major, Wales Coast Path, return by train	Rhoose, on road near railway station
16	Fri 1030-1500	5 m	Llantwit Major	Church, College & Lighthouse	Nash Point, at information point by the café car park
17	Fri 1400-1500	3 m	Porthkerry	Archaeology and History in Porthkerry Country Park	Porthkerry Country Park, first car park at bottom of hill
18	Fri 1500-1600	3 m	Cardiff Bay	How the Barrage Works	Norwegian Church, Cardiff Bay CF10 4PA
19	Sat 0930-1330	4.5 m	Cardiff Bay	Boat Trip and River Walk	Penarth Barrage car park
20	Sat 1000-1200	3.5 m	Llancarfan	Coed Garrllwyd Nature Reserve and Llancarfan	Llancarfan, car park to the rear of the Fox and Hounds Pub ST 053702
21	Sat 1000-1600	9.3 m	Sigingstone	Going back in time via 4 'Llans'	Sigingstone, rear of car park of Victoria Public Inn
22	Sat 1400-1530	3 m	Southerndown	Historic Dunraven	Dunraven Bay car park
23	Sat 1400-1530	3.5 m	Porthkerry	Discover the Secrets of the Millwood - a family activity walk	Porthkerry Country Park outside Nightingale Cottage
24	Sun 1030-1230	2 m	Barry	The People of Barry - the Good, the Bad and the Strange	Cemetery Gates, Cemetery Approach Road, Barry
25	Sun 1030-1330	5 m	Monknash	Walk in the footsteps of monks	Heritage Coast Campsite south of the Plough & Harrow, Monknash
26	Sun 1400-1700	5 m	Dinas Powys	The Salmon Leaps	Dinas Powys, St Peter's Church, Mill Rd.
27	Sun 1430-1630	2 m	Southerndown	Vale Tales Taster	Glamorgan Heritage Coast Centre, Dunraven Park, Southerndown
28	Sun 1800-1900	2 m	Barry Island	Barry Island Sundowner	Barry Island Promenade by RNLI Information Centre

Sunday 28 May - End of Festival - join us at Coffee Cove, Barry Island from 1pm. Licensed bar, coffee/teas, soft drinks and snacks.

These walks link to concerts taking place in the area as part of the Vale of Glamorgan Festival. For details visit - www.valeofglamorganfestival.org.uk

Sorry, we cannot take dogs on Festival walks

CAVC launches course to help ALN learners

RIGHT: Additional Learning Needs co-ordinator James Donaldson, ALN Transition Team members Emily Morris and Helen Williams, and head of independent living skills, Tom Snelgrove.

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) has launched a brand new transition and review team for learners with Additional Learning Needs (ALN).

The team is the first of its kind in a mainstream Further Education (FE) college. The Welsh Government is legislating on ALN and a change in the law is due that will aim to improve outcomes for learners with additional learning needs.

Transition from school into college plus preparing for adulthood are fundamental elements of the drive to ensure positive success for students with ALN.

Cardiff and Vale College has appointed Emily Morris and Helen Williams into new roles on the ALN Transition Team.

The team will help learners make the move into college by offering tours, attending annual reviews in schools, supporting teaching and learning using people centred approaches and carrying out statutory annual reviews.

CAVC additional learning needs co-ordinator James Donaldson said: "We have been working closely with schools, Careers Wales, young people and their parents or carers to create this service.

"We know that by investing in transition, learners will have a smoother journey both into and out of college.

"We will continue to work with the Welsh Government on the new legislation and have recently been working with other sector leads on a number of transition elements."

FLORAL SOCIETY

'FROM my Shed' is the title of a floral demonstration to be given to members of the Barry Floral Society by Arnaud Metairie of Painswick, Gloucester on Tuesday, May 23 at 2.15pm at St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry. New members welcome.

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

Specsavers' optical and hearing teams become Dementia Friends

With visual impairments common among those with dementia, Specsavers is ensuring a trip to the opticians and audiologists is as comfortable as possible for them.

In the run up to Dementia Awareness Week (15-21 May), Specsavers employees nationwide are becoming Dementia Friends, an initiative run by the Alzheimer's Society. Every store now has at least one team member who is a Dementia Friend and understands the needs of customers with dementia a little more. The Specsavers Healthcall teams that carry out home visits are also becoming Dementia Friends.

Specsavers is also using Dementia Awareness Week to remind anyone over 55 to undergo regular hearing tests, as research suggests that people with untreated hearing loss are more likely to develop Alzheimer's. Hearing tests are free at Specsavers.

Dr Nigel Best, Specsavers clinical spokesperson, says: 'People with dementia may not be able to recognise or articulate the issues that many of us face when we begin to lose our sight or hearing – but the effects are the same. Being more aware of dementia is an incredibly positive development for our teams and our offering to customers.'

Those with dementia commonly experience problems with their sight and visual perception, causing them to misinterpret the world around them. Some sufferers can experience hallucinations. On top of that, research has revealed that almost half of dementia patients in care homes are wearing glasses with the wrong prescription, leading to increased isolation.

Laura Stallerbrass, store manager at Specsavers Forfar, has encouraged all her team to do Dementia Friends.

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Out & About with The GEM

Not-so-great Scott... Alien: Covenant is just an atrocious mess of a film!

WHILE unquestionably a superb director, Ridley Scott's recent output has been something of a mixed bag since 2007's *American Gangster*.

One of those 'mixed bags' was 2012's *Prometheus*, a return to the Alien franchise for Scott and one that proved to be wholly underwhelming.

Five years later, a sequel to Prometheus has arrived, jettisoning the vague title and going for the impactful *Alien: Covenant*, which sees the crew of a colony ship (amongst them Katherine Waterston, Danny McBride, Billy Crudup and Michael Fassbender, playing another android) heading to a new and remote planet.

However, when they intercept a garbled audio, they take a detour to another planet to investigate it, where they soon realise that the planet isn't as uncharted as they thought.

It is home to the android David (Fassbender again) from *Prometheus*, and rather than building a life, the crew must avoid death as a familiar group of creatures stalks them...

Forget *Prometheus* – that was simply an amuse bouche. Apparently, those yearning for a return to the blood, guts and visceral thrills of the Alien franchise were going to be well-served by *Alien: Covenant*, a promise made by the esteemed Ridley Scott, directing this follow-up to *Prometheus* – another step back into the world of the Alien franchise.

Barring some decent moments, *Prometheus* was something of a bore, a portentous film about supposed lofty subject matter that all too often threatened to disappear up its own bottom.

That Scott felt the need to address this criticism, and make the promise that those Alien fans who felt disenfranchised would find far more to savour in *Alien: Covenant* showed he was at least aware of that film's shortcomings and how to address them.

by GARETH JAMIESON
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It seems remarkable then that for such an experienced director, Scott has managed to make a film that, while slightly improving upon *Prometheus*, is one of the most inane, ridiculous and awful films of recent times, a hot mess that consists of one-third callback to *Alien* and two-thirds idiotic, forgettable characters making stupid decisions, and faux-philosophising dressed up as intelligence.

First off, the positives – Michael Fassbender's dual performances are enjoyable to watch, the actor inhabiting the two extremes of android behaviour with effortless ease, and he's by far the best thing here, the performance pitched perfectly.

The larger story (which, depending on your view regarding backstory either spoils or enriches the mythology of the xenomorphs) has its moments, even if one of the strongest elements from *Prometheus* is botched in a 10 second flashback.

But the negatives by far outweigh the positives. The characters are immensely forgettable, with scant characterisation; in a series renowned for strong characters, they are simply xenomorph fodder with token nods to 'depth' (struggling with pressures of leadership, dealing with death of loved ones, faith versus instinct).

Also, the characters are seemingly incapable of making sensible decisions – much better to walk down that dark corridor alone, be tricked by an already-established-to-be-duplicitous character or fly a spaceship into known-to-be-dangerous conditions than use your common sense.

It's not wholly the cast's fault, but Katherine Waterston, Billy Crudup et al just can't get a foothold in a film that is preoccupied with building an unnecessary mythology, rather than creating something that works both on its own terms and within the larger franchise.

What is most surprising is that this is a Ridley Scott film; Scott has churned out the odd clunker (the thought of *The Counsellor* still sends shivers down the spine) but this is the director on seeming autopilot, so devoid of his usual smarts.

Of course it's visually grandiose, but it feels like Scott placed too much stock in trying to be deep and meaningful without noticing how ludicrous and stupefying the actual story is.

It doesn't help its cause that there are several callbacks to Scott's 1979 masterpiece, but they simply accentuate the lack of primal ferocity evidenced in this film.

Even when the plot tries to trick you, the reveals feel so telegraphed that there is no surprise at all (one towards the film's climax is so painfully obvious that you're expecting it to not be a twist).

What is so disappointing is that this is an *Alien* film directed by Ridley Scott – let that sink in for the moment. Because however great that sounds on paper, the actuality is that *Alien: Covenant* is the sort of trashy, lackadaisical rubbish that would barely pass muster on the Syfy channel late on a Friday evening.

Covenant supposedly sounded the death knell for District 9 director Neil Blomkamp's Alien 5, with the feeling that there is no need for Blomkamp's take while Scott is playing in the Alien sandpit.

On this evidence, Scott should hand over the reigns to Blomkamp and focus his attentions elsewhere, as *Alien: Covenant* is an embarrassingly atrocious film.

VERDICT - A disaster of epic proportions, *Alien: Covenant* is an exceptionally poor film. A few minor positives aside, this is a film that is far weaker than it should be given the talent involved.

Ridley Scott's butchery of the Alien franchise continues, and even the most die-hard fans of the franchise will be hard-pressed to find much satisfaction in this abysmal affair. Avoid at all costs.

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"All details from www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk or in your free weekly GEM - see our advert on page 14."

BIG KEITH FROM *THE OFFICE* AT ISLAND EVENT

EWEN Macintosh, who played 'Big Keith' in the hit turn-of-the-century 'mockumentary' *The Office* will visit Barry Island on Friday June 23 to host a quiz about the BBC sitcom.

Actor Ewen Macintosh, Big Keith in The Office, will star in a show on Barry Island on June 23.

The event is being put on by Mack Events and director Ross Mackintosh said: "Matt, my fellow director, and I are huge fans of *The Office* so we are really looking forward to a special evening."

Mack Events have made a speciality of bringing big names to Barry, many of them Premiership football stars.

Tickets are £7 each and are available at www.mackeventspresents.com or they can be bought at Barry Island Sports and Social Club. Guests must be over 14 years old; any under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

What's on and where?

Cake break

THE Multiple Sclerosis Society (Bridgend and District Branch) is holding a cake break on Saturday, May 20, at the Saint John's Ambulance Centre, Minerva Street, Bridgend, CF31 1TD from 10am until 2pm.

Admission is £1, which includes a cup of tea/ coffee and a biscuit. There will be a sale of homemade cakes and various stalls. All proceeds go to MS Society Bridgend and District.

Messy Church in Bonvilston

SUNDAY, May 21 at 2.30pm Messy Church takes place in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite the Village Shop) and thereafter each third Sunday in the month.

St Mary's Church and Zoar, Bonvilston warmly invite toddlers (with parents), youngsters and teenagers to this fun afternoon.

Games, crafty things, Bible stories, refreshments and plenty of parking. Further information from Rev Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020 or Rev Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

Plant sale

LLANMAES Village Plant Sale takes place on Sunday, May 21 in the grounds of Llanmaes Village Hall from 11am to 3pm. There will be a good selection of bedding plants, shrubs, vegetables etc. Coffee, teas and cakes will also be served.

Donations of plants welcomed, which can be brought along on the day or contact Jackie on 07976 698325.

Festival of Learning

KPC are holding a series of drop in sessions on IT issues including how to create an email; how to save money online; how to set up an EBay account and an introduction to online learning – LearnMyWay.

The sessions take place at KPC Youth and Community, off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle, Bridgend, CF33 6AB and will run May 17, 24 and 31 from 2pm to 4pm; June 21 and 28 (2pm-4pm) and on June 13 and 20 (1pm-3pm).

Call 01656 749219/745399 or email kpcyouthl@hotmail.com for further details.

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Gardening club

THE next meeting of Cowbridge Gardening Club takes place on Thursday, May 25 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge, when John Isaacs will be speaking on 'The development of Insole Court Gardens and Community Gardens'. New members welcome.

The History of Pencoed talk

A TALK on Pencoed's history, organised by Pencoed Town and District Twinning Association, will be presented by Doug John BEM on Friday, May 26 at The Lounge, Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Cost is £5 per person, which includes a buffet – please bring your own soft drinks, beer or wine. Contact Mark Steer on 01443 230282 email: marksteer150@gmail.com or Wendy McDonald on 01656 865633 email; eric.mcdonald12@btinternet.com. It is anticipated this will be a popular event, so book early!

Tracey Rhys

READING her poetry at Sustainable Wales' Green Room on Friday, May 26 at 8pm is Tracey Rhys.

Tracey is the author of the book *Teaching a Bird to Sing*, a collection of poems written in response to the author's young son's diagnosis of autism.

Some of the poems from *Teaching a Bird to Sing* featured in the stage show by Winterlight Theatre, *Touch Blue Touch Yellow*.

Tracey's reading will be followed by an open mic for other performers, to include Peter Morgan, playing *Suite for Children's Voices* and *Moog Theramin*. Everyone welcome, entry £4.

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Open day at the Mole

'Pontoon opening day' at the centre.

BARRY Community Water Activities Centre is holding a public open day next Saturday, May 20, from 12 noon to 4pm, accessed from the road at the rear of Asda.

A spokesperson said: "With the anticipated grants for the centre totalling £1.5m, this will be the chance for the general public to make their ideas and suggestions for the community centre.

"Everyone is invited to inspect the premises and discuss with the architects the plans being designed to see that they are suitable for all the activities the new centre hopes to accommodate.

"The trustees and committee members will be available to outline the developments envisaged at present at the centre.

"There will be stalls at the event run by clubs to record interest in any activities at the new centre.

"Tir Y Mor Scout group will be providing refreshments and a barbecue.

"Weather permitting, the afternoon will include the Sea Cadets canoes and a kayaks regatta, the Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association demonstrating rescue techniques afloat, and an opportunity for the public to take a trip on a lifeboat around the dock.

"The club will offer a sailing experience with buoyancy aids provided; wear suitable gear if you wish to go afloat"

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD AT SCHOOL!

THE reception class (Elm) of Oak Field Primary School are studying the topic of 'Food Glorious Food' this term.

The children have become budding Master Chefs to create, through different media, plates of their favourite, delicious meals.

Fun has been had in the role play café and the children had the chance to sample delicious fare at John's Café on Barry Island when they were invited to have lunch on their school trip.

Bon appetit!

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Beats, Eats and Treats

Last year's Beats, Eats and Treats proved to be a resounding success, with more than 5,000 visitors flocking to Barry Island.

BEATS, Eats and Treats is returning, and it's going to be bigger and better than before.

The Beats, Eats and Treats festival that attracted more than 5,000 people to Barry Island last summer is to return on June 24 and 25 this year.

The free event will feature cooking demonstrations from award-winning local chefs as well as a range of street food stalls, a farmers' market and a variety of entertainment for the whole family.

The programme is still being finalised, but the Vale Council will be announcing more information each week starting from May 13.

A spokesperson for the council said: "Last year's Beats, Eats and Treats festival was a huge success and we've been working hard to make this year's even bigger and better.

"There will be more demonstrations, a wider range of stalls, and a new layout taking in the award-winning promenade gardens that will allow even more people to take in the culinary delights on offer."

The festival will also feature stalls from the twin towns of Fécamp, Mouscron and Rheinfelden.

Go to www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/beats for more information.

DAY OF THE ORCHIDS AT DYFFRYN

The Orchid Study Group is holding an 'Orchid Day' at the National Trust's Dyffryn Gardens on Saturday, May 20 from 10am to 5pm.

A spokesperson said: "From exotic displays, to fascinating talks and the chance to meet botanical artists, there will be lots to satisfy even the most avid orchid specialist. In conjunction with 'Fascination of Plants Day', plant scientists from Cardiff University will also be joining the Orchid Day, providing fun for all the family with science experiments and competitions.

Dr Kevin Davies, botanist, orchidologist and chairman of the Orchid Study Group said: "Last year, we held our first Orchid Day at Dyffryn. This proved to be so successful and popular that it is returning again this month to share these remarkable plants with a wider audience."

A series of talks will be held:

11.30 to 12pm by Dino Zelenika: Wild Orchids in the Heart of the Balkans.

12.15pm to 12.45pm by Sara Rittershausen of Burnham Nurseries: Basics of Orchid Cultivation.

2pm to 2.30pm by teenage orchid grower Archie Smith: Bulbophyllum: The good and the smelly.

2.45pm to 3.15pm by Frances Quasada-Pallares: orchid repotting and mounting demonstration.

From 3.15 to 3.30 pm there will be a question-and-answer session.

Dr Davies continued: "So whether you are new to orchids, or an experienced grower wanting to learn more, or simply just thinking about growing a couple on your windowsill, there will be something here for you."

Families can also join Cardiff University's plant scientists to extract DNA from strawberries, take part in their plant treasure hunt and get creative to 'Design a new Plant'. The best design will win a family day pass to Dyffryn Gardens.

Normal admission prices will apply on entry for the day.

Find out about other upcoming events taking place at Dyffryn Gardens (www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens) and learn more about the Orchid Study Group via its website (www.orchidstudygroup.org.uk/).

Mediaeval melodies from local choir

PHOTOGRAPHS by IAN DIXON

Caritas musical director Lindsay Gray.

THE Vale choir Caritas Consort performed to a packed house on May 6.

Set in Ewenny Priory, the choir's performance played homage to both modern and ancient music.

They were accompanied by the Newport Cathedral musician Emma Gibbins, who provided the choir with an array of organ pieces.

A spokesperson said: "The event was as financially successful as it was enjoyable. By raising almost £1,300 in total, it was able to contribute to both the charitable Antony Nolan Trust and to fund a defibrillator for the Peterson Church Hall."

Caritas' next concert will take place on June 17, as part of the Lower Machen Festival.

The festival will also include performances from John Lili, Elin Manahan Thomas and the choral octet Voices 8.

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Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival

Cowbridge festival is now a fixture in the Welsh foodie calendar

by PHILIP IRWIN

IT was back in 2004 that The Cowbridge Festival of Food and Drink took its first tentative steps – and anyone involved then would be thrilled to see how it has secured its place in the Welsh foodie calendar.

The festival has got there by a process of continuous adjustment and improvement, by recognising the most popular elements and adding more to the mix as it has developed.

Three years ago it transferred from October to May, to take advantage of the more settled weather. This year it takes place on the Whitsun May Bank Holiday weekend (May 28 and 29).

It has definitely helped that the layout of the town has meant that it feels that all of Cowbridge gets involved.

Go to some festivals and you may find a tented village on the outskirts of the town, but the compact nature of Cowbridge means that visitors get the chance to have a look around.

All the elements of a successful food and drink festival are here – and more.

The main tent offers the usual fascinating mix of produce from suppliers that you don't often find on the high street.

Whether it is bread, pies, craft beers, Welsh wines and liqueurs, farm produce or something exotic to taste – it's all there.

However, once you leave the tented area, there is still a great deal to do. It seems that something is happening around every corner.

In recent years, the organisers have recognised that the Old Hall Gardens are a great asset, and this year a fascinating feature there is the 'Forgotten Foods' project.

ABOVE: The Hang Fire Southern Kitchen team.

The project will take visitors on a journey back in time through the kitchens of the past to explore and remember the culinary traditions, heritage and history of Welsh food and drink.

To put on this element of the festival, the organisers secured a £9,900 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Polly Wilson, the festival manager, said: "We are thrilled to receive this grant to help support our Forgotten Foods project for this year's festival.

"We are really excited to give visitors an interactive and delicious insight into the history of Welsh food and drink.

"We hope that it will inspire this generation to help preserve our cultural history and identity by learning more about its delectable past; and this is just the start – 2018 is going to be even bigger and better!"

Polly added that a surprise guest was expected on the Sunday.

She said: "One of Wales' funniest men will be trying out some new-found culinary skills at the festival this year. Visitors to the event on Sunday, May 28, may catch a glimpse of this different kind of celebrity chef – and even get the chance to try some of his creations as part of the live cooking demonstrations taking place throughout the weekend, but for now, the details are still top-secret."

While browsing around the festival, it's worth keeping an eye out for a gorgeous vintage horse box (Tin Can Filly) serving chilled prosecco with or without hedgerow cordials from Tast Natur.

It must be the Master Chef effect, but the demand for food demos has definitely grown, and the festival has taken this on board. As well as the 'forgotten Foods' project, demos are scheduled in two other sites.

The Food Demo Theatre
Arthur John Site, North Road

Sunday, May 28.

• 10am Alana Spencer, Ridiculously Rich.
• 11am Bar 44, Cowbridge.
• 12 noon David Meadows, Devon Fishcakes
• 1pm Wayne Thomas, Caban
• 2.30pm Nick Craddock, Vale Cider
• 330pm Llanerch Vineyard

Monday, May 29.

• 10am Goldie Sandhu, Samosa Co
• 11am Tom Watts-Jones Hare & Hounds Aberthin
• 12 noon John Savage, Teifi Cheese
• 1pm Mel Constantinou, Baked by Mel
• 2pm Tomos a Lilford Brewery
• 3pm Richard Ballantyne, Master of Wine

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'SNOW PUPPY' SET TO BE THE STAR OF THE SHOW

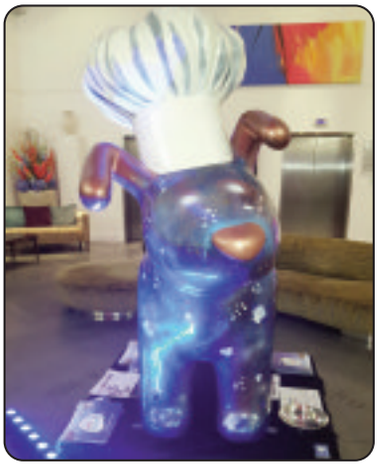
WITH just two weeks to go until this year's much anticipated Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival, which takes place across the May Bank Holiday weekend (May 28-29), the organisers have announced a brand new star attraction in the shape of the show's very own 'snow puppy'.

Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival will be working with Ty Hafan to raise money to provide support for life-limited children, young people and families across Wales, by hosting a sculpture of a snow puppy – a white blank canvas poised and ready to be decorated – across the weekend of family foodie fun.

Young visitors will be invited to give it their stamp of approval to help decorate the sculpture while helping to raise funds for Ty Hafan.

For a minimum £1 donation, little ones will have the chance to pick one of three bright colours, in which to dip their fingers and make their very own mark on the patterned puppy.

Painted snow dogs from all over Wales will be exhibited in the streets of Cardiff and the Vale this autumn for 10 weeks as part of 'Snowdogs: Tails in Wales' trail.



The snow dog chef. Very much the finished article.

The project is presented by Tŷ Hafan in partnership with Wild in Art, a creative producer of 'public art events'.

After the show, the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival puppy will be varnished, auctioned and pledged to a community organisation to raise further funds for Ty Hafan.

Keeping the snow puppy company will be another colourful canine friend, a sundog – designed and created by Cardiff artist Seth Oliver for Ty Hafan's Chefs' Night Out and part of an already completed snow dog Trail exhibit.

Speaking about this year's special guests, festival manager, Polly Wilson said: "We are so excited to have our very own snow puppy and sundog at this year's festival.

"It is a great art project in aid of such a deserving cause – every fingerprint counts and will raise vital funds for the charity, so we want as many as possible to get involved and pet our adorable snow puppy!"

Young foodies will have plenty to get their teeth into over the course of the weekend, with a variety of children's activities being held in The Old Hall Gardens.

Families can expect crafts, face-painting, live music, birds of prey, a pottery wheel as well as other food-themed fun.

Make and Take your Tea is sure to be a favourite with those aged 3-7 who will be able to make their own pizza at the festival and put it in a box to take home to cook (2.30pm Sunday, 1.30pm Monday – limited availability, first come, first served basis).

This is the third year the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival has been held in the spring and the second year with its well-received open-plan festival layout.

Day and weekend tickets are available via *www.cowbridgefoodanddrink.org* (all on line transactions receive a free festival cooler bag) and children under 12 can enjoy the festival for free and there is a free park and ride service running from both sides of town.

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Food Festival schedule

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Live Fire Demos,
Vale Forge Site, North Road
Sunday, May 28.
• 2pm Old Cogan Hall Farm
• 3pm Meat and Greek
• 4pm Hang Fire Southern Kitchen
Monday, May 29.
• 2pm Taste of Persia
• 3pm Asador 44
• 4pm Hang Fire Southern Kitchen
Forgotten Foods Skills Marquee
Old Hall Gardens
Sunday, May 28.
• 11.30am Bee Keeping
• 12.30pm The History Chefs
• 1.30pm Science Cream
• 2.30pm Arty Cooks
• 3.30pm Samba Band Workshop
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Keeping all the good stuff and adding extra has proved a great formula for the Cowbridge Festival of Food and Drink.

Regular festival goers will find their old favourites there, while newbies have the chance to discover what a great day it can be.

Everything is there for a family fun day, with plenty to interest the children, while older foodies can just bask in the massive choice of options.

As usual, two free park and ride schemes are running, on either side of the town, signposted as you enter the town.

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'Inspirational' day for the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes

Ann Jones and Sandra Davidson presenting the vice-chairman's award to Upper Killay WI.

MAY 3 was an inspirational day for the ladies of the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes, who attended their annual council meeting at the Princess Royal Theatre.

After a moving address from Ann Davies, Federation chairman, the members listened to three wonderful and inspiring speakers.

Jane Dixon, head of Denman College, was the first. A passionate advocate of Denman, she enthused the members by telling them about the wonderful opportunities it offered, leaning new skills by attending courses in not only cookery and craft, but in a huge variety of other subjects such as literature, music, history and lifestyle.

She spoke about the many benefits of a visit to Denman, including the chance to make new friends and above all, to have fun!

She also urged members to continue to support the Denman Appeal, which is raising much-needed funds to guarantee the maintenance of the College's grade II listed buildings.

Jane ended her talk by ensuring members that Denman College would continue to be 'The Jewel in the WI's Crown' for many years to come.

Dame Rosemary Butler told members that she was inspired to go into politics when she became a mother and discovered that there was a lack of a bench in the local park.

Ann Jones, vice chairman; Ann Davies, chairman; Helen Sharman, guest speaker; Sandra Davidson, vice-chairman and Claire Atherton, federation treasurer.

She was frustrated when her campaign for a bench fell on deaf ears, so she stood for the local council, won the seat and her bench!

She held the seat until 1999, when she was elected to the Welsh Assembly. Dame Rosemary became the Presiding Officer and has campaigned for equality and women's rights ever since.

Through her 'Women in Public Life Campaign', she has encouraged more women to put themselves forward for positions in public life in Wales and also champions the importance of mentoring, which she believes is a great way to help women realise how much they can achieve.

In the afternoon, certificates were presented to WIs who had won sports achievements and celebrated special birthdays. The vice chairman's award was presented to Upper Killay WI.

Helen Sharman, the first British woman to go into space, was the guest speaker in the afternoon.

She told members with great enthusiasm about her eight days as an astronaut, serving as a crew member on the Mir Space Station.

She had been working as a chemist at Mars, the confectionary company developing ice cream, when she answered an advertisement inviting people to train as astronauts.

She was chosen out of 13,000 applicants and underwent 18 months of tough training in Russia before going into space in a Soyuz spacecraft.

During her time on the space station, Helen carried out scientific experiments, and found time at the end of the day to look out of the window at the stars and at planet Earth.

She found space a fascinating place and would encourage anyone who wanted to be an astronaut to follow her dreams.

Her talk could have been called 'The Girl from Mars who went to the Stars'!

Everyone agreed that it had been a very enjoyable day and they were looking forward to another successful year of education, friendship and fun in the Glamorgan Federation of Women' Institutes.

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Your heart matters to Sully and Lavernock Hearts Matter

Frank Hennessy handing over the first defibrillator to Ian Mathias, Old School chairman. Photo by Alan Roberts.

THE Old School, the Sully and Lavernock Community Library, the Saving Sully group and the Sully and Lavernock Community Council has joined forces to install a network of public access defibrillators (AEDs) in Sully and Lavernock under the banner 'Sully & Lavernock Hearts Matter'.

These defibrillators will be installed in key public locations to ensure easy access in life-threatening emergencies.

The total cost to buy five defibrillators and outdoor storage cabinets together with their installation is over £7,000. Donations have been received from members of Sully U3A, Sully Bridge Club, the Welsh Ambulance Services Trust, the annual Sully Show and from Sully and Lavernock Community Council, together with contributions from members of the public.

In addition, a sponsored walk arranged by the Saving Sully Group on April 30 raised £2,500 and a concert given by Frank Hennessy and The Hennessys in The Old School last Wednesday evening raised a further £600 towards this project.

Following the show, a local resident donated £200, in recognition of the key role a defibrillator has played in extending his life.

The team's funding target is now in sight, with nearly £6,000 already raised and the first defibrillators shortly to be installed at The Old School and at the Sully and Lavernock Community Library.

The team aims to complete the network by the end of June and hopes that its success in raising the bulk of the cost will encourage members of the public to make contributions, however small, towards completing the scheme.

Please send a donation to The Old School, 1 South Road, Sully (CF64 5TG); cheques payable to The Old School; or to The Sully and Lavernock Community Council, Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully. Cheques payable to the Council or direct to bank account 73419223, Sort Code 20-18-27.

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MV *Balmoral* returns for the 2017 season

THANKS to the support shown by many to the recent public appeal, the classic coastal steamer MV *Balmoral* will be back in service in 2017.

A spokesperson said: "This welcome news has delighted all involved with owning and operating the historic vessel."

Despite being the National Historic Ships Flagship of the Year for 2016, *Balmoral* had a challenging year. Early season technical difficulties resulted in several days' sailings being cancelled, further cancellations due to bad weather resulted in over a quarter of sailings being lost including the vitally important August Bank Holiday weekend.

The trustees of the MV *Balmoral* Fund Ltd, the owners of the historic vessel, took the decision last October to launch an appeal to raise sufficient funds to ensure that she could sail again in 2017.

Donations came from many loyal Balmoral supporters, as well as many of the thousands of passengers who have sailed on the vessel.

"The appeal was a great success," said the spokesperson.

Balmoral, last flagship of the famous P&A Campbell White Funnel Fleet, is shortly to come out of dry dock after a refit which should leave her technical problems behind her. She will also be fully resplendent with a new paint job.

There is still much to do in the two weeks remaining before she starts her full 113-day summer season in just two weeks, on the weekend of May 27-28.

Her full crew will soon be joining, many from last season, under the leadership of last year's Captain David Howie.

On the Bristol Channel, *Balmoral* will sail for 54 days from May 26 to June 4 and then her main summer session of July 26 to September 4.

She will sail on 33 different days from her principle departure point, Penarth's pier, on some days calling as often as four times during a day.

There will also be sailings from Porthcawl, Swansea and Briton Ferry. This year there are three new sailings from Milford Haven, thought to be the first since 1978.

One is around the Haven and River Cleddau, then a special bird-watching nature cruise around Skomer, Skokholm and Grassholm islands, then a direct sailing from Milford to Lundy Island giving almost four hours on the remote island.

In addition *Balmoral* will spend seven days in June, 12 days in July, and 14 in September on the north Wales coastline doing many exciting cruises from Llandudno, Menai Bridge, and other places; sailing to Liverpool around the Isle of Anglesey which is a cruise unique to *Balmoral*.

Then a first time ever cruise to sail from Wales to Port St Mary on the Isle of Man on June 29 sailing from either Menai Bridge or Llandudno with three hours ashore before back home to Wales.

The spokesperson said: "These cruises are proving very popular with many advance bookings taken.

"The 2017 timetable is packed full of popular trips and cruises not just around Wales but all around the UK from the south coast, the River Thames and even Scotland, the Western Isles and the River Clyde."

Full details of *Balmoral's* sailings and to book tickets are at the White Funnel website at www.whitefunnel.co.uk.

PLANT SALE

THE Hardy Plant Society South Wales group are holding a plant sale on Saturday, May 27 from 10am-12.30pm at Cowbridge Lesser Town Hall, CF71 7AD.

Entry is free; non-members welcome. Interesting and unusual plants as well as teas, coffees and home made cakes. For further information on the sale, contact 01446 774036.

SHORT CUT TO HAIR AND BARBER COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

THE Hair and Barber Council (HBC) is launching a new initiative to recognise people linked to the industry, and a Bridgend-based training provider has pledged to become the first associate member in Wales.

Shirley Davis-Fox, Hair and Barber Council board member for Wales.

From July 1, the council will invite individuals with strong links with the hair and barber industry to become associate members. The move will open the door to people employed in, for example, manufacturing, wholesaling, awarding bodies, training providers, public relations and marketing, to name but a few sectors.

Shirley Davis-Fox, HBC's political director and board member for Wales, and also who chairs Bridgend-based ISA Training, an independent hair and beauty training provider in Wales, said: "This new initiative will enable all sectors of the industry to join our membership and help us to strengthen our case for mandatory registration of qualified hairdressers and barbers in the future."

"We are encouraging everyone with strong links with the industry to get registered and be part of making history."

She said that HBC is campaigning to make it compulsory for all qualified hairdressers and barbers to be state registered.

"Currently, registration is voluntary, which means that the industry is unregulated.

"This lack of regulatory protection allows anyone to set themselves up as a hairdresser or barber and work with potential dangerous chemicals even if they have no qualifications, experience or training.

The campaign is being led by Mrs Davis-Fox who has lobbied the UK and Welsh Governments to introduce compulsory state registration.

More details about the associate member scheme package will be released by the Hair and Barber Council in the coming weeks. Anyone interested should contact: registrar @haircouncil.org.uk or call 0208 760 7010.

Poet Laureate will be at Barry Arts Festival

POET LAUREATE Carol Ann Duffy is the first big name of the summer in this year's Barry Arts Festival.

Carol Ann Duffy comes to Barry on Saturday, June 24 where she will be reading poems from her recent collections at St Mary's Church on Holton Road (5pm start).

Appointed Poet Laureate in 2009, Carol Ann Duffy's work is studied in A-Level and GCSE lessons and she is well known for poems about the MPs' expenses scandal, the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton and a poem read by Benedict Cumberbatch about King Richard the Third when his bones were finally put to rest.

Her most recent work has included a tour of the UK dealing with themes and the 'fallout from the recent referendum on European Union membership and Brexit'.

A Scottish poet playwright, she is Professor of Contemporary Poetry at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Carol Ann Duffy will be joined by collaborator John Sampson, who has performed alongside her for the past 13 years providing musical accompaniment.

Barry Arts Festival organiser Dot Connell said it was a great coup for the festival to have Carol Ann Duffy reading and performing.

Dot said: "Carol Ann Duffy is one of the foremost poets of recent decades, studied in schools, but relevant to all age groups.

"Carol Ann Duffy joins other poets who have performed at Barry Arts Festival in recent years, including the former National Poet of Wales, Gillian Clarke, and bilingual poet Menna Elfyn.

"This is an all ages event and we would love to see local schools attend, as well as anybody with an interest in poetry or just what's happening around us in society.

"We are very grateful to Barry Town Council and to Newydd Housing for their generous sponsorship of this event."

Tickets are available from Dot Connell on 07982 319456, dot.connell@virgin.net or www.ticketsource.co.uk/barry-arts-festival.

Barry Hookers help Parkinson's group

FOLLOWING the success of the calendar printed and sold by Barry Hookers Crochet and Craft Group last December, the group was recently delighted to make a donation to another local charity.

This time, £200 was donated to the Vale Parkinson's Support Group which meets on a monthly basis in Dinas Powys.

Barry Hookers group meet each Wednesday morning from 10am – 12pm at Coffee Cove, Barry Island. Please come and join us if you are interested in crochet, knitting, sewing, quilting, tatting ... any craft at all!

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Coffee break

MOUNT Pleasant Baptist Church Community Hall in Cadoxton opens its doors every Monday morning to welcome the community from 9am to midday (except Bank holidays).

Pop in and pop out; come alone or bring a friend; meet other people in the community; a variety of activities available or just sit and chat while enjoying free refreshments. Everyone warmly welcomed.

What's On - In Brief

RBL Outreach

AN adviser from the Royal British Legion will be available at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Thursday, May 25 from 10am to 12 noon as part of the Legion's Outreach services for the Armed Forces community, past and present and their families, across Wales.

No appointment is needed, just come along; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Sponsored beach clean

BARRY Comprehensive School's Team Sri Lanka will be hard at work on Barry Island from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, May 27.

Please come and support us.

Nursery provides Little Inspirations

AN award-winning children's day nursery company was runner-up for a national accolade when it represented Wales in the final of the FSB and Worldpay UK Business Awards in London.

Managing director of Little Inspirations Jenine Gill.

Little Inspirations, which operates from sites in Barry, Llantrisant and Rhydyfelin, attended the awards ceremony at the Swan, Shakespeare's Globe in London as the Wales winner of the national employer award.

The award recognises employers who have seen the benefits that arise from investing in their employees, including attracting, developing and retaining staff.

Little Inspirations, founded in 2003, ticks all those boxes and more thanks to the passion of inspirational founder Jenine Gill who leads her 68 staff by example and has plans to expand the business by adding more nurseries to her portfolio.

"Although we didn't win the UK award, it was a great experience to attend the ceremony and I was very happy to have been judged the Welsh winner," said Jenine.

She considers Little Inspirations to be a learning institute for those looking to develop a career in the child care sector and demands the highest standards from her staff. The company provides quality childcare services for children aged from six weeks to 11 years of age and currently has more than 30 apprentices.

Jenine, who left school with minimum GCSEs and has overcome dyslexia, has created a deep-rooted culture of learning in her business, which holds a Flying Start contract.

Her personal learning journey has taken her to a higher apprenticeship in leadership and management level five.

She supports staff to improve their skills and confidence with learning ranging from Foundation (Level 2) to Higher (Level 5) apprenticeships.

Jenine feels the apprenticeship programme brings the latest ideas to her business and allows staff to reflect on their own personal abilities. "If staff are enrolled on to the correct apprenticeship, it stretches them but also is achievable," she said.

"Therefore, when staff achieve the qualification at the end there is a sense of pride and we celebrate this as a business."

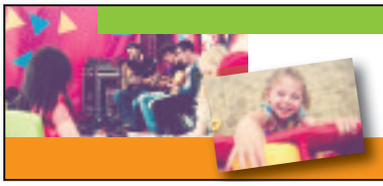
She revealed that the company has exciting expansion plans and stressed the staff learning and development would continue to be at the heart of the business in the future. She is content to reinvest profit back into the business.

"I am completely humble, as I don't forget where I have come from," said Jenine.

"You have to make your business sustainable but at the same time offer services that are affordable to parents. It's definitely a balancing act but investment in staff is worth every penny.

"When I worked with children, I never got bored of seeing a child's smile or their first step or working with a child with additional needs and seeing them develop.

"Now, in my current role, I enjoy seeing staff develop. If I can change somebody's life or change the direction they are taking for the better, there is no greater reward than that."



Welcome to

Urdd Eisteddfod

29 May - 3 June 2017

The Urdd Eisteddfod is coming: are you ready?

MID Glamorgan will soon be bathed in red, white and green, along with images of the triangular mascot, which signals the arrival of Mistar Urdd and his Eisteddfod.

When the Urdd Eisteddfod comes to town, it brings communities together and everyone is welcome to take part.

The best way to experience what this unique festival has to offer is to visit the site in Pencoed between May 29 and June 3. A close second is to let S4C take you there with wall to wall coverage on TV and online every day – and if you need help with your Welsh, there are subtitles and English commentary available via the red button service.

In preparation for what's to come, let S4C be your guide. On Friday, May 26, just days from the start of the big event, Nia Roberts presents the programme *Croeso i Eisteddfod yr Urdd*. This will preview the festival, and give you the chance to get to know the area and some of its people.

We'll visit local schools to see how pupils have been preparing for the festival and enjoy a sneak peek of their rehearsals for the Youth and Primary shows – a highlight for many proud parents.

The themes of both shows are closely tied to the area's history, which will also be explored in the programme.

The Primary Show tells the story of two Italians as they leave their home town of Bardi for a new life in the Rhondda Valleys. The Youth Show is based on the Welsh folk song 'Bugeilio'r Gwenith Gwyn' which tells the story of unrequited love.

Outside the school gates, the programme will see how the area's youth have got stuck in to fundraising for the Eisteddfod in activities associated with their Urdd clubs, or 'Aelwydydd'.

We'll meet members of Porthcawl's Urdd Aelwyd – the oldest in the region – who have, as part of their fundraising efforts, released their own CD to celebrate the Eisteddfod.

Community fundraising is a huge part of the Eisteddfod and a bulk of this is taken on by dedicated volunteers. Among them is Kathryn Jones, who was born in Maesteg and was inspired to learn Welsh after the Urdd Eisteddfod came to her community in 1979. This time, she has produced a book for Welsh readers to raise money in aid of the events for Welsh learners at the Eisteddfod.

Inspirational stories, culture and history surrounded by the buzz of excitement. Bridgend county borough is ready to welcome Wales to its Eisteddfod.

Make sure you're ready too.

The colours of the Urdd Eisteddfod, portrayed in balloons.

YOUNG ACTORS ARE READY TO STAR IN THE PENCOED URDD EISTEDDFOD MUSICALS

The production team behind the shows are pleased with how things are going!

The primary school pupils who will be performing Bracchi.

OVER 200 children and young people from the Bridgend area will get the opportunity to perform in two musicals during the Urdd National Eisteddfod, which will be visiting the area between May 29 and June 3, 2017.

These are the two official Urdd Eisteddfod musicals – one named *Bracchi* for primary children and *Y Ferch o Gefn Ydfa* for the secondary pupils.

A total of 150 children will perform *Bracchi on* Tuesday evening, May 30, in the main Eisteddfod pavilion in a show which follows the trials and tribulations of two Italians as they try to make their fortune in the valleys at the turn of the century.

The 60 secondary pupils will perform *Y Ferch o Gefn Ydfa* in the Sony Theatre, Bridgend College, Saturday evening, May 27, and Monday evening, May 29.

This new musical tells the love story of Ann Thomas and Wil Hopcyn and their forbidden love which inspired the traditional folk song, 'Bugeilio'r Gwenith Gwyn'.

Tickets for both shows are £14 and available from urdd.cymru/tickets or 0845 257 1639.

The older pupils will be performing Y Ferch o Gefn Ydfa in the Sony Theatre in Bridgend College.

TOP TIPS FOR VISITORS TO THE EISTEDDFOD

COMING to the Urdd National Eisteddfod at Pencoed? Here are a few top tips from local experienced Eisteddfod-goer Elin Mannion (*right*).

1. How can I buy tickets for the Eisteddfod?

You can buy tickets on the gate but my top tip would be to buy beforehand from u*rdd.cymru/tickets* to skip all the queues!

2. Any chance of a free ticket?

The only way to get a free ticket is by volunteering, offering to work a few hours as a steward at the event but if that doesn't appeal, my top tip would be to come on the last Saturday, June 3, as all entry tickets are half price.

3. How will I find my car at the end of the day?

Well, my top tip here would be to use that old trick of tying a ribbon or small flag to your car aerial!

4. What can I do to prepare before I get to the Maes?

The best thing to do to prepare is to download the app, which is available now from 'Google Play' and the 'App Store' (Ap Eisteddfod). You can also buy a programme for the day beforehand from your local Welsh book shop, perfect for planning your day before you arrive.

5. What should I wear for the event?

Ever the optimist, I would suggest shorts, a t-shirt, a hat and lots of sun cream. But to be realistic, you will probably need to put your wellies and a coat in the boot just in case! One thing is for sure, you will need flat shoes made for walking – no heels here! Think of it as a bit like Glastonbury but without all the mud.

6. I have got small children. What should we do when we first get to the Maes?

When you arrive, head over to the first marquee, which is the Croeso/Welcome tent where there will be plenty of stewards to help you and free maps available. Find out where the Mudiad Meithrin tent is, where you can get name wrist bands for your children to keep them safe in case you get separated.

The top tip here also is to head over to the S4C pavilion to ensure that you've got your tickets for the Sioe Cyw, the live show of the S4C children's service which is always a fantastic show each year.

7. What is there to do on the family day out?

There is so much to do on the Maes it's hard to know where to begin. Once you pay your entry fee and head into the Maes, you'll notice that it is like a festival, full of colourful stalls, activities, sports, TV crews filming, lots of competing on the main stage in the pavilion, a funfair, exhibitions, and performances on a live stage. There's also a wide array of food stalls with something for everybody, from the healthy to the not-so-healthy.

You can enjoy so many things free, or you can pay for the fairground. You can quite literally do your Christmas shopping there if you are organised enough!

8. If I haven't got any money on me, are there any cash machines there?

Of course there are cash machines there for you; they've made it very easy for you to spend money. So cash machines, WiFi – it's all sorted.

9. Do I have to be able to speak Welsh?

The Eisteddfod is, of course, a Welsh festival but rest assured, learners and non-Welsh speakers are welcomed with open arms, there's no need to be able to speak the language.

Keep reading The GEM and visiting glamorgan-gem.co.uk for all the latest Eisteddfod news and for pictures and stories from the event!

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CYHOEDDI LINE-UP GŴYL FACH Y FRO 2017!

Bydd Gŵyl Fach y Fro yn dychwelyd unwaith eto eleni i Ynys y Barri – ar ddydd Sadwrn, 17 Mehefin. Cafodd yr ŵyl Gymreig flynyddol hon ei sefydlu gan Fenter Bro Morgannwg yn 2015, i ddathlu a chodi proffil y Gymraeg yn y Fro.

Os nad ydych wedi bod yng Ngŵyl Fach y Fro o'r blaen, dyma 6 rheswm da pam y dylech fynd eleni.

CHWECH O RESYMAU DROS GARU GŴYL FACH Y FRO 2017!

1) Y lleoliad

Cynhelir Gŵyl Fach y Fro ar lan y môr yn Ynys y Barri - y lle delfrydol ar gyfer gŵyl deuluol! Mae'n cael ei chynnal rhwng 11.30am a 7pm ac mae'n hawdd mynd yno ar y trên ac ar y bws.

2) Cerddoriaeth Ardderchog

Bydd rhywbeth at ddant pawb yng Ngŵyl Fach y Fro 2017 – o ganu pop i gerddoriaeth jazz. Mae'r artistiaid yn cynnwys ffefrynnau cerddoriaeth Gymraeg, y chwedlonol Bryn Fôn a'r Band , y grŵp indie roc, Candelas a'r triawd electro pop, HMS Morris.

3) Stondinau, gweithgareddau a gweithdai

Mae digonedd i'w wneud yn y digwyddiad – bydd stondinau'n gwerthu cynnyrch Cymreig lleol ac anrhegion, ardal chwarae i blant, beiciau swigod, sgiliau syrcas, taith wellingtons ar y traeth a llawer o weithdai difyr.

4) Bwyd a diod blasus

Bydd y digwyddiad yn cynnwys bar a fydd yn cael ei redeg gan fragdy lleol Tomos & Lilford, a bydd bwyd yn cael ei weini gan Grazing Shed, Ffwrnes Pizza a Bay 5.

5) Mae'n gyflwyniad ardderchog i'r Gymraeg a'i diwylliant

Mae croeso i bawb yng Ngŵyl Fach y Fro – siaradwyr Cymraeg, dysgwyr Cymraeg neu unrhyw un sy'n dymuno cael profiad o'r Gymraeg a'i diwylliant am y tro cyntaf. Mae hefyd yn ffordd ardderchog o ganfod mwy am ddysgu Cymraeg, a bydd Cymraeg i Oedolion a Chymraeg i Blant yn rhoi cynghorion ar y diwrnod.

6) Mae'n RHAD AC AM DDIM!

Nid yw mynediad i'r digwyddiad yn costio'r un geiniog!

I gael gwybodaeth am Ŵyl Fach y Fro ewch i www.menterbromorgannwg.cymru

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DARPARIAETH I DDYSGWYR

Mae datblygu cyfleoedd allgyrsiol yn hollbwysig er mwyn cefnogi'r broses o ddysgu ffurfiol, felly mae'r Fenter wedi cydlynu rhaglen o weithgareddau er mwyn cynnig cyfleoedd i ddysgwyr ymarfer a defnyddio eu Cymraeg yn gymdeithasol. Mae'r gweithgareddau yma'n addas i ddysgwyr o bob lefel.

Bore Coffi Foxy's

Rydym yn cynnal Bore Coffi misol yn Foxy's Deli, Penarth, a hynny ar ddydd Iau cyntaf pob mis. Ymunwch â ni rhwng 10-11am am gloncdros goffi! Dyddiadau nesaf: Mehefin 1af, Gorffennaf 6ed.

Bore Coffi Academy

Rydym hefyd yn ddiweddar wedi sefydlu sesiwn newydd yn y Barri, ac mae'r ymateb wedi bod mor dda fel bod hwn yn cael ei gynnal yn wythnosol o hyn ymlaen. Mae hwn yn cael ei gynnal bob bore Mawrth, 10-11am yn Academy Espresso Bar, sydd wedi ei leoli yn adeilad Tŷ Pwmp y Barri.

Dysgu a Diod

Mae gennym sesiwn sgwrsio gyda'r nos yn ardal Llanilltud Fawr, sy'n cael ei gynnal ar nos Lun cyntaf pob mis rhwng 7-8pm yn yr Old White Hart. Cyfle gwych i gyfarfod dysgwyr eraill ac ymarfer dy Gymraeg – croeso i bawb! Dyddiadau nesaf: Mehefin 5ed, Gorffennaf 3ydd.

WÂC WELIS

Mae'r Fenter hefyd yn cynnal teithiau natur dan arweiniad Jén Dafis yn fisol ar hyn o bryd, a hynny mewn nifer o ardaloedd gwahanol ar draws y Fro.

Dros y misoedd diwethaf, mae'r lleoliadau difyr wedi cynnwys Cosmeston, Traeth Llanilltud Fawr a Fferm Ymddiriedolaeth Amelia.

Bydd y sesiwn nesaf yn cael ei gynnal ar ddydd Gwener Mai 19eg ym Mharc Gwledig Porthceri, gan gyfarfod am 10am ger y caffi. Dewch i ddysgu mwy am fyd natur trwy hwyl, a chofiwch eich welis! Mae hwn yn weithgaredd i'r teulu cyfan ond wedi'i anelu yn benodol at blant 0-5 mlwydd oed. Y pris yw £3.50 y plentyn a gallwch gofrestru ar wefan y Fenter neu trwy gysylltu gyda ffion@menterbromorgannwg.cymru / 029 20689888.

Fe fydd yr olaf yn y gyfres yma o Wâc Welis Tymor yr Haf yn cael ei gynnal ar draeth Ynys y Barri yn ystod Gŵyl Fach y Fro!

CLYBIAU CHWARAEON

Mae nifer o glybiau chwaraeon wythnosol yn cael eu trefnu ar draws y Fro, mewn partneriaeth rhwng Metner Bro Morgannwg, Cyngor Bro Morgannwg ac Adran Chwaraeon yr Urdd.

Mae'r clybiau Nofio a Gymnasteg yn parhau, a chlybiau newydd ar gyfer tymor yr Haf yn cynnwys Clwb Chwaraeon yr Haf yn Llanilltud Fawr a Chlwb Rygbi i blant Dosbarth Derbyn-Bl.1 yn y Barri. Am fwy o wybodaeth am y gweithgareddau uchod, ac i gofrestru'ch plentyn, ffoniwch Swyddfa'r Urdd ar (029) 20635698 neu gysylltu'n uniongyrchol gyda'r Swyddogion Chwaraeon isod:

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Sesiynau Amser Stori yn Llyfrgelloedd y Fro

Mae'r Fenter yn cynnal cyfres o sesiynau stori a chân am ddim mewn llyfrgelloedd ar draws y Fro.

Mae'r sesiynau yma i blant 0-5 oed yn cael eu cynnal yn wythnosol yn ystod tymor yr ysgol, ac yn addas i rieni di-Gymraeg a dysgwyr.

Llyfrgell Y Barri – Pob dydd Mawrth 10.30-11am
Llyfrgell Llanilltud Fawr – Pob dydd Iau 10.30-11am
Llyfrgell Y Bontfaen – Pob dydd Iau 2-2.30pm
***NEWYDD* Llyfrgell Dinas Powys** – Pob dydd Iau 10-10.30am. Mae hefyd sesiwn grefftau yn dilyn y sesiwn hwn am 10.30am (£1.50 y plentyn).

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LAUNCHING GŴYL FACH Y FRO 2017!

Gŵyl Fach y Fro (Little Festival of the Vale) will return once again this year to Barry Island – on Saturday June 17th – and the organisers are proud to announce the line-up for this year's event.

This annual Welsh festival was established by Menter Bro Morgannwg in 2015, to celebrate and raise the profile of the Welsh language in the Vale.

6 REASONS TO LOVE GŴYL FACH Y FRO 2017!

If you haven't been to Gŵyl Fach y Fro before, here are six good reasons why you should go this **year.**

1) The location

Gŵyl Fach y Fro is held on the sea front at Barry Island – the ideal place for a family friendly festival! It runs from 11.30am to 7pm and is easy to get to by train and bus.

2) Great Music

There's something to suit all music tastes at Gŵyl Fach y Fro 2017 – from pop to jazz. The line-up includes Welsh language music legend Bryn Fôn a'r Band, indie rock group Candelas and electro pop three-piece HMS Morris.

3) Stalls, activities and workshops

There's plenty to do at the event - there will be stalls selling local Welsh produce and gifts, a play area for kids, bubble bikes, circus skills, a welly walk on the beach and lots of fun workshops.

4) Delicious food and drink

The event will include a bar run by local brewery Tomos & Lilford, and food will be served by Grazing Shed, Ffwrnes Pizza and Bay 5.

5) It's a great introduction to Welsh language and culture

Everyone is welcome at Gŵyl Fach y Fro – whether they are Welsh speakers, Welsh learners, or those who wish to experience the Welsh language and its culture for the first time. It's also a great way to find out more about learning Welsh, with Welsh for Adults and Welsh for Kids giving out advice on the day.

6) It's FREE

Entry to the event is completely free!

For info about Gŵyl Fach y Fro go to www.menterbromorgannwg.cymru

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STORYTIME

We run free weekly Welsh-medium storytime sessions during the school term.

These sessions are suitable for children aged 0-5 years, and there is a warm welcome to non-Welsh speaking parents/guardians. It is a great way of introducing the Welsh language to your child from a young age through stories and repetitive songs, and you might pick up some vocabulary yourself!

Barry Library – Every Tuesday 10.30-11am

Llantwit Major Library – Every Thursday 10.30-11am

Cowbridge Library – Every Thursday 2-2.30pm

***NEW* Dinas Powys Library** – Every Thursday 10-10.30am. There is also a craft session which follows the storytime at 10.30am (£1.50 per child).

WELSH LEARNERS

Providing a range of social opportunities is crucial in order to support the formal learning process, and Menter Bro Morgannwg co-ordinates a programme of extra-curricular activities which will give learners opportunities to practise and use their Welsh outside the classroom environment. These activities are all suitable for Welsh learners of all levels.

Foxy's Coffee Morning

We run a monthly Coffee Morning at Foxy's Deli, Penarth, on the first Thursday of every month. Join us between 10-11am to chat and practise your Cymraeg over a cuppa! Upcoming dates: June 1st, July 6th.

Academy Coffee Morning

We have recently established another Coffee Morning in the Barry area, which has proved so popular that it will now be held weekly. This is held every Tuesday morning, 10-11am at Academy Espresso Bar, which is located in the Pumphouse building.

Dysgu a Diod

We also have an evening conversational session at Llantwit Major, which is held on the first Monday of every month betwee 7-8pm at the Old White Hart. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Welsh learners and chat informally. Upcoming dates: June 5th, July 3rd.

Weekly Sports Clubs

There are many weekly sports clubs held across the Vale, in partnership between Menter Bro Morgannwg, the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Urdd Sport Department.

The Swimming and Gymnastics Clubs continue throughout the year, and new activities for the Summer term include a Summer Sports Club at Llantwit Major, and Rugby Club for children in Reception-Year 1 in Barry. For more information about these clubs, and to book a place for your child, please ring the Urdd Office on (029) 20635698 or contact the Sports Development Officers directly:

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WELLY WALK

Menter Bro Morgannwg currently organise monthly nature trails with Jén Dafis, in various locations across the Vale.

Over the last few months, the interesting locations have included Cosmeston, Llantwit Major Beach and Amelia Trust Farm.

The next session will be held on Friday May 19th at Porthkerry Country Park, and we will meet at 10am by the cafe. Come along to learn more about nature in this interactive and fun walk, and don't forget your wellies! This is an activity for the whole family but is aimed specifically at children aged 0-5 years. The price is £3.50 per child and you can book ahead on Menter's website or by contacting ffion@menterbromorgannwg.cymru / 029 20689888

The last in the series of these Summer Welly Walks will be held on Barry Island beach during Gŵyl Fach y Fro!

U3A meet a man who was once lost for words – BUT NOT ANYMORE!

THE speaker at the May meeting of Cowbridge U3A was Alan Badmington, who said he is often accused now of talking too much, but that can probably be excused after 50 years of being 'Lost for Words', which was the title of his talk.

For half a century, Alan had difficulty telling people his name because of a bad stutter, which he had from the age of three. His grandmother had unwittingly drawn attention to his speech problem by continually asking him to repeat what he'd just spent minutes trying to enunciate.

Despite speech therapy in his younger years, Alan found grammar school difficult, as reading aloud was nigh on impossible and attempting to respond to questions in class not worth the effort. Speaking in front of a group was out of the question.

It was not just one or two letters that proved problematic – half the alphabet was beyond his ability to pronounce without a stammer.

As a result, Alan became adept at finding synonyms starting with letters he had no trouble with – but he still had to carry a slip of paper with his name written on it, as a 'b' was one of the difficult letters.

Shopping, in the days before supermarket checkouts, and travel, before there were automatic ticket machines or the internet, could result in nightmare scenarios and he would never ask for directions.

At the age of 19, Alan made a significant career decision. Instead of choosing employment where he could avoid social interactions and not need to speak much, he applied to join the police force.

The interview was relatively short and he had carefully rehearsed answers which avoided words starting with problem letters, so he was accepted.

Unfortunately, as a policeman, he was unable to avoid the 'wrong' words and giving evidence in court would prove traumatic; the oath consisted of 23 words and he was unable to say 19 of them without a prolonged stutter!

It was in 1977 that the Edinburgh Masker became available, a device which creates a buzzing noise in the ears whenever the wearer spoke, so they could not hear their own voice.

Alan wore his for 10-14 hours daily for 20 years and his stammering problem improved sufficiently for him to return to operational police duties. When he retired in 1993, his speech was better in most circumstances, but he was never a fluent talker.

In 2000, he discovered the Maguire Programme, and Alan learned a new method of breathing and how to control his diaphragm. The training taught him how to resist pressure and to speak only when ready, how to project his voice and how to improve articulation and pronunciation.

At the end of the course, he and others, who had struggled to give their names and addresses four days earlier, were able to speak in public.

Alan returned home and set about dismantling the psychological barriers of 50 years that had prevented his being able to speak fluently.

Since then, Alan has become a proficient speaker, giving talks and radio and TV interviews all over the world. He has joined public speaking clubs and has had success in international competitions.

At the next meeting there will be a talk entitled: 'Does Development Aid Really Work?' by Dr Robert Smith at 2pm on Wednesday, June 14 in Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors are welcome (there is a small fee, which includes refreshments). See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

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Coffee break at Mount Pleasant

Jane Hutt with Diane Phelps, Nesta Bowen and Liz Carmichael.

MOUNT Pleasant Church in Cadoxton has opened the doors of its lovely church community hall to offer a coffee break between 9am and 12 noon.

Jane Hutt AM visited the church hall on Monday to meet some of the ladies who had the idea to organise this new community initiative, and to enjoy a coffee and a chat.

THE MEN WHO PLANNED A NEW TOWN AT BARRY

Local historian Laurie Owen is fascinated by how the town of Barry grew so rapidly in the late 1800s, after the building of Barry Dock. In this article, he looks at the men behind the infrastructure:

In August 1884, the Barry Dock Bill was finally given Royal Assent and the leading colliery owners of the Rhondda, Ogmore and Llynfi Valleys could at last begin their ambitious project. Just three months later, the chairman, Lord Windsor, cut the first sod to signal that work on the docks could start.

The illustrious contractor TA Walker brought 3,000 navvies to work day and night on their momentous task which, when opened in July 1889, would change this small village forever.

At the same time, construction began on the railway main line between Cadoxton and Pontypridd, which would give the company an alternative route to transport their steam coal and by July 1889 this came to fruition, with the first traffic on the move.

The Vale of Glamorgan Railway Company was incorporated in 1889 but would not be operational until December 1897, when the Bridgend to Barry line opened.

This was indeed a major achievement orchestrated by David Davies of Llandinam, the owner of Ocean Collieries.

Much has been written about this incredible man and others who brought wealth and inspiration to this small village on the banks of the Bristol Channel. This story will explore what happened next.

We should remember that long before wireless sets, people only knew what they saw, were told by friends or read in the local paper. The Barry Dock News began operations in 1889 from Vere Street, and for a 1d a week, residents could follow events as they unfolded.

The First Barry and Cadoxton Local Board 1888-1894.

UNDER the auspices of the 'Local Government Board' a group of influential men were chosen to establish the infrastructure required for the development of Barry as a town.

The Local Government Board supervised the administration of laws regarding Public Health, the Relief of the Poor and Local Government from 1871-1919, when it was replaced by the Ministry of Health.

Its president was appointed by Queen Victoria and was normally a cabinet minister, who mostly decided policy but was well supported by several Lords and officers who carried out the routine work.

They could also intervene in disputes between the local board and local bodies or ratepayers.

The Local Board would become the Urban District Council in 1894 but their offices would remain in Vere Street until January 1896, when the first meeting was held in the new offices at 158/160 Holton Road, before moving to their new building on King Square 12 years later.

As someone who was born into a well-established town in the early 1940s, it is not easy to imagine the sheer volume of work that went on in those early days and the dedication necessary to ensure that the expansion was managed efficiently.

Records show that in 1881 Barry was most likely the smallest village in the county, yet just 14 years later, it had grown into a town more quickly than any similar location in Britain.

We should remember that things do not just happen, people have to make them happen and those early settlers were fortunate that in their midst were men who were up to the task.

With little by way of infrastructure, decisions were being made at endless meetings regarding finance, housing, water, drains and sewerage, streets and roads, power and lighting, health, refuse, education, food and drink, crime and everything else that a community needs.

With so much to be done with great urgency, other committees were set up to deal with different aspects of the work, yet still subordinate to the Local Board, who in turn were answerable to the Local Government Board.

The Burial Board, the Cadoxton and Merthyr Dovan School Board, plus separate committees for Public Works, Health, Finance and Bye-Laws were dealing with issues which had mostly not been necessary before.

After their daily work, these men attended meetings, often in dingy, dimly-lit, cold rooms and travelling by horse and trap over muddy roads in all weathers – and unpaid.

Rates

THE men chosen were influential people and knew that loans would be required for the major works, but local 'rates' would have to pay for salaries and offices and a great many of the 'running costs' as they cropped up.

The Finance Committee would set a new rate twice a year, dependent on the estimated expenditure for the coming period. The members took a great deal of time debating the issues, agreeing the amount and then hoping to receive the payments on time.

There was also a Poor Rate collected, which was a tax on parish householders to pay for workhouses and general poor relief in their own district.

The rate set in November 1888 was 1/6d in the pound, which should achieve an income of £1,195.12s.5d, but £120 of unpaid arrears illustrated what lay ahead.

The many new houses and businesses would increase income but also expenditure and over those early years when money was critical, about 27 per cent of rates due were not paid on time.

In December 1894, at a Local Board meeting, the secretary, J.A. Hughes presented a detailed income and expenditure report, covering the period since its inception six years earlier. It would have made interesting reading to those who wondered how their money had been spent and it should have explained to some complainers, the work being done on their behalf.

The article in the Barry Dock News contained great detail but this was a brief summary:

The total received from rates was £70,211 and with several loans from the Government Board and commercial lenders amounting to £265,615, the total income for the period was £335,826.

Expenditure from rates was £75,124, repayment on loans was £71,767 and the purchase of the Gas and Water Company was £190,859, making a grand total of £337,750.

Huge sums were involved and as the infrastructure was established over such a short time, surely the members of the many Boards deserved appreciation and respect.

There are many ways of comparing the relative value of their pounds with our 2017 pounds, but they can be complicated; so to put it into some perspective, in 1890 JC Pardoe was paid £100pa as the Sanitary Inspector and £200 when he combined it with his role as surveyor.

JA Hughes, the secretary of the Board was paid £60pa and Dr G Neale received £25pa as the first Medical Officer of Health and £30pa as Port Medical Officer.

Assessing rates was a continuing process and over those early years the changing members seemed to manage quite well, but it was difficult to please everyone, as illustrated by this story.

Now under the banner of the Urban District Council, in October 1905 a deputation of the largest ratepayers in the town approached councillors to stress the importance of careful spending of public money, and they were speaking for the leading employers in the town.

As businesses were charged a higher rate than mere mortals, these men together paid 75 per cent of the rates in the district and therefore presented a real challenge.

FP Jones-Lloyd, President of the Chamber of Trade, J Lowdon JP, Director of the Graving Dock, David Sibbering Jones, partner of timber merchants Meggitt and Jones and RP Culley, owner of the Barry Dock Hotel and restaurants in Cardiff, all stressed that high rates would affect the future development of the town.

The Joseph Rank Ltd representative said that when they negotiated with the Dock Company to build flour mills in 1903, the rate was 7s 2d in the pound and now it was 8s 2d, which was so high that it would affect their plans and prevent other industries coming to the area.

Although the meeting was conducted in a cordial fashion, it was obvious that the councillors would not take kindly to being told how to manage the public finances, especially by businessmen with a vested interest.

After fully digesting what had occurred, the next meeting of the council was illuminating and the response of members possibly justified.

JC Meggitt said there were 693 empty houses in July and if they were filled, income from those extra rates would be £4,154. In a survey he conducted, some of his men had counted an average of 200 workers a day arriving in Barry on the 6am train from Cardiff and Penarth.

With others on later trains and 150-200 coal-trimmers from Cardiff and Cogan each day, this represented a great number who could possibly be encouraged by their employers to live locally.

These men also had cheap train travel and although rates were lower in Penarth than in Barry, they were higher still in most other seaport towns.

Chairman JA Manaton resented being told they were not performing well enough and took great pleasure in saying that the Dock and Railway Company ran out of water just a day earlier and the council came to their rescue.

For £25 a day, they would gladly supply them with water and then they might see a reduction of rates.

Dr Sixsmith then weighed in with more rhetoric, suggesting the deputation had come to support the South Wales Electrical Power Company to help a "Hydra-Headed Monster to get a grip at the throats of the ordinary ratepayers".

Mr Jose said many of the industries in question were paying the "lowest sweating rates of wages" and that the council should ignore their demands until they "abandoned their spirit of selfishness and greed" and took more care of their employees.

It must have been awkward for JC Meggitt as a councillor, with his business partner David Sibbering Jones in the other camp.

This confrontation served to highlight the many difficulties councillors had, as they battled to secure the funds needed to make the town habitable for the thousands of newcomers.

Often pilloried from all sides, these men surely deserved better treatment as they gave up their time, moving around as they did by horse and trap and without payment.

AM WELCOMES BLOOD BIKES TO THE SENEDD

THE work of charity Blood Bikes Wales was showcased at the National Assembly last week.

The event, sponsored by South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies, allowed both Assembly Members and visiting members of the public to learn more about how the charity operates.

The organisation, which operates in the Vale, has over 300 volunteers across Wales.

Using their fleet of 16 motorcycles, they provide their services free of charge to support the NHS by transporting lifesaving supplies to those in urgent need of treatment.

Mr Davies said: "It was both a pleasure and an inspiration to welcome Blood Bikes Wales to the Assembly.

"They do a lot of good work in the Vale, and have saved countless lives by putting their skills towards a really good cause.

"It's estimated that for every £1 spent by the charity, they save the NHS £5, so it really does make a difference – and I'd urge more people to get involved."

Plaid's motion to increase council wages

PLAID Cymru councillors have demanded Barry Town Council become an accredited 'Living Wage Employer'.

A motion from Plaid Cymru to the first full council meeting, to be held at the end of May, calls for the council to become a 'Living Wage Employer', paying every member of staff at least £8.45 per hour.

The leader of the Labour group, Coun Bronwen Brooks, pointed out that the council already pays above the National Living Wage.

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson said: "Barry Town Council is one of Barry's largest employers, with more than 20 members of staff at the council offices on Gladstone Road, at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, and Pioneer Hall, and is fully funded by Barry residents.

"We have a duty to be the best possible employers and part of that is paying all of our staff a proper living wage.

"During the election campaign I met with the Vale Citizens campaign group, who made the 'Real Living Wage' one of their priorities. I am pleased to be pushing this forward now that I've been re-elected."

Plaid Cymru leader, Coun Shirley Hodges, added: "If we want to persuade other businesses in Barry to pay the 'Real Living Wage' then Barry Town Council should take the lead.

"When Coun Johnson asked in 2013 that Barry Town Council become a 'Living Wage Employer', Labour councillors voted against it so that it was defeated 14-5. I hope that newly elected councillors will see this as an important moral issue and support our motion."

In response, Coun Brooks explained: "As leader of the Labour Group I am aware that Barry Town Council already pays above the National Living Wage of £7.50 an hour and furthermore wrote to the national negotiators, AMs and MPs in 2016 detailing concerns about some councils adopting the Living Wage Scheme, but only temporarily.

"The motion submitted by Coun Johnson will be discussed by the council on May 31 in line with the Barry Town Council's standing orders."

Llantwit Boys' Brigade get active in Cardiff

SIX boys from the junior section of the 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade Company took part in the Boys' Brigade Get Active event in Cardiff on Saturday.

This was arranged as part of 'Get Active in 2017' and involved teams competing in a series of 16 challenges. These included Banana Pass, Sheep Driving, Water Pipes and Caterpillar!

Our team of Thomas Ellis, Mason Cornwall, Ieuan Taylor, Aaron Howse, Lewis Collins and Tyler Lee did their best (see photographs) and were placed third out of eight. Well done to the boys, especially as they were the youngest team to participate.

The boys had a wonderful afternoon and we hope to enter again next year.

For more information about Boys' Brigade in Llantwit Major contact Debbie on 01446 796208.

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'Healthy eating' at local primary school

LLANCARFAN Primary School is a member of the Vale's 'Healthy Schools Scheme.'

After making a successful application to Public Health Wales for a workshop, the after school club was visited by Richard Shaw from Cooking Together Wales.

He held a session on how to prepare a lunchbox. Children measured, weighed, mixed, rolled, cooked and then tasted their creations.

They made wraps and fruity flapjacks together and learned all about the 'good' and the 'bad' nutritional content of foods.

Mr Shaw said he enjoyed meeting the children and was very impressed with the way they all worked together.

Mr Smith, headteacher, said: "It is so important for children to eat a healthy, balanced diet and they are never too young to learn nutritional values.

"Children who eat a healthy, balanced diet are likely to be more energised and motivated, supporting their ability to learn.

"Educating children on healthy eating during childhood will also hopefully help them make healthier choices as they become adults."

Vale campaigner says ovarian cancer petition 'raised awareness'

A PETITION calling for a national yearly screening programme for ovarian cancer was debated at the Welsh Assembly, thanks to a Vale campaigner.

The woman, who for personal reasons does not want to be identified, put the petition forward "because so many of my friends have died and because they hadn't been screened".

After she had put forward the petition, she was able to add a more detailed submission in support of it.

Although a screening programme won't go ahead, the campaigner told The GEM that she believed the petition had raised awareness of the disease among the public and elected representatives.

She said: "A report was sent to AMs on March 29 and there was an hour-long debate. Although national screening is not going ahead, people at the Assembly told me: 'You have come a long way with this'.

"I think the petition and the debate made AMs, both men and women, more aware of the issue."

The 'Support Yearly Screening for Ovarian Cancer' petition was initially discussed by the petitions committee on February 2, 2016, so the debate recently was the end of a year-long process. An election took place in May last year so that did slow consideration of the petition.

A CA125 blood test is a simple means of diagnosing ovarian cancer. In Wales, around 390 women each year receive the news that they have ovarian cancer, and around 233 lose their lives.

The campaigner had pointed out that the cost of the test would be £20 to £25 for the NHS, but privately it could be around £200.

A 'CA125 blood test' is a 'tumour marker' and provides a strong indication of cancer. It means a GP can refer a woman to a gynaecologist who will then carry out a vaginal scan.

The campaigner said she understood a video had been made available to GPs detailing the issues around ovarian cancer and referral. She added that it was encouraging that there was ongoing research to improve the screening test.

Barry councillor selected as Plaid's election candidate

PLAID CYMRU has chosen Vale and town councilor Ian Johnson to stand as their general election candidate on June 8.

He said the incinerator was a key local issue, and that nationally it was important Wales had a strong voice during Brexit negotiations.

Coun Johnson was recently re-elected to the Vale Council and Barry Town Council, finishing first in Buttrills ward in the centre of the town and increasing his vote.

He currently works as a mental health researcher, and has previously taught at Cardiff University and been an award-winning researcher at the Houses of Parliament – as well as a sports reporter for The GEM.

He said: "My experience as a local councillor and working for a mental health charity means that I understand the real world impact of another Conservative government cutting spending and cutting our public services.

"The Labour Party are now in complete chaos and cannot form a coherent opposition, never mind an effective government. Just look at the mess they've made over the Barry Docks incinerator.

"Plaid Cymru are taking this election seriously. We will continue to fight the incinerator and stand up for the needs of Barry and the Vale, providing a strong voice for Wales in Brexit negotiations in order to protect investment and jobs."

'Blackpool Belle' Pat Stewart passes away

THE irrepressible Pat Stewart, who achieved photographic immortality as 'The Blackpool Belle in the Polka Dot Dress' has died at the age of 83.

Pat Stewart.

Pat, who lived in Llanmaes, was a larger-than-life character who became famous thanks to an unforgettable image published in Picture Post magazine in 1951.

In 2011, Pat described the background of the photo to The GEM.

She said: "Although it was 60 years ago, I have a clear recollection of having the photograph taken. At the time, I was working on Blackpool North Pier as a dancer kicking my legs!"

The photograph was taken by Bert Hardy and graced the front page of Picture Post magazine's 50th anniversary edition.

Bert invited Pat and fellow dancer Wendy Clark to perch on the railings of Blackpool promenade. Wendy, sporting a white dress, was gazing down at the beach; Pat, in the polka dot dress, was in a more risque pose with the wind blowing up the dress to reveal a shapely leg.

Magazine readers loved the photograph for capturing a carefree, golden moment in the sunshine at the British seaside.

Pat told The GEM that the year it was taken – 1951 – was critical to its enduring popularity. The austerity of the postwar years was coming to an end and the fifties heralded a new beginning for the younger generation.

"Who knows why it became iconic? – But it did."

Pat also had a notable showbiz career, and was part of a theatrical double act 'Nick and Pat Lundon' with Bernard Bresnick. She worked with Joan Collins and Benny Hill, and even appeared in one show with Laurel and Hardy!

Pat was originally from the north of England and her association with Wales began when she met and married the Welsh comedian Johnny Stewart in Weymouth in 1956. Johnny had a long and successful career on TV, in the theatre and on the club circuit.

Despite her association with the Blackpool image, Pat never made a penny out of it.

Last year, she released her autobiography, entitled 'The Girl in the Spotted Dress' and attended local book signings.

Over the years, she had lived in Wick, Llantwit Major and Llanmaes.

Local groups learn all about fundraising online at GVS event

ELEVEN voluntary and community groups serving the Vale attended a 'Localgiving' workshop hosted by Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) recently.

The workshop looked at the essentials of online fundraising and how Localgiving can help people make the most of this potential income including:

A year's free Localgiving membership (usually £96) for charitable groups;

Access to gift aid on all donations (an extra 25 per cent), whether it is a registered charity or not;

A free package of training and one-to-one support in online fundraising;

£200 match funding for every group that signs up to the programme, making that first 'ask' easier;

Opportunities to access over £2,500 of further match funding throughout the year.

For more information about Localgiving, contact Lauren Swain, South Wales development manager at email lauren@localgiving.org; telephone 07808 889672 or visit https://localgiving.org/rdp/wales.

GVS offers free and low cost services tailor-made for community and charitable groups. To find out more, contact 01446 741706, email: enquiries@gvs.wales, or see www.gvs.wales.

ST ATHAN COMMUNITY CENTRE GETS A £2,000 PLAYTIME BOOST

MEMBERS of the St Athan Community Centre in Glyndwr Avenue are celebrating after receiving £2,000 of funding to buy play equipment.

The cash came from a Welsh Government Play Grant, and Joanne Jones, the play development officer for the Vale Council, recently delivered the items to the community centre. There are more to be dropped off at a later date.

The play equipment will be used in future play sessions and play schemes at the community centre.

The vice-chair of the community centre, Charlotte Cook, said: "We have also been awarded another £2,500 from the Newydd Community Grant to spend on more play and sports equipment for local families.

"Also, Sparkle and Shine window cleaners have chosen the community centre to receive a month's worth of free window cleaning.

"This is a huge boost for the area. We had an AGM in February and we have new committee members who have fantastic ideas.

"We have worked hard to apply for the funding and we are so pleased to be awarded the money.

"We will be running free play sessions open to all in the school holidays. We are looking for volunteers to help us. For more information we can be contacted via email *stathancommunitycentre@outlook.com*

Calling young explorers!

A YOUNG Explorers Club event focusing on Key Stage (KS) 1 and 2 of the primary school syllabus takes place on Sunday, May 21 at 3.15pm in St Nicholas Community Hall, Barry.

At the event, a scene from the events of the Great Fire of London (KS1) will be acted out, and then part of an Iron Age round house will be created (KS2).

There will be a story about ancient Egypt with genuine artefacts (KS2). KS1 activities will include making a Victorian toy.

The event is suitable for ages five to 11 years old, although younger children are welcome, as are older brothers or sisters to help out.

The cost will be £5 per child (adults free). To book places, see: www.youngexplorersclubwales.weebly.com. **KJ-L**

20 years of WAY: Barry celebrates charity's anniversary

On Sunday, May 21, starting at noon, the charming beachfront of Barry Island will host a Big Picnic to celebrate the 20th anniversary of WAY, a peer-to-peer charity for people who have been widowed while still young.

One of 37 Big Picnics taking place around the UK, the event will see many young widows and widowers join family and friends as they get together for the charitable organisation, which has gone from strength to strength since its origins.

The charity, Widowed And Young (WAY), acts to provide a communal support to adults who have tragically been widowed under the age of 51, and Sunday's event, between beach huts 4 and 5, will welcome all to join their cause.

The WAY foundation was founded by journalist Caroline Sarll in 1997.

Following the untimely death of her brother-in-law and the death of her father 25 years earlier, she was saddened by the ongoing lack of support for young widows.

Acknowledging that bereavement, especially an untimely one, can leave sufferers feeling utterly crushed and isolated, Caroline was driven to change things and to create her own charity.

Juggling all this, while caring for her own young children, Caroline has seen her charity go from a meeting of 30 people in Cardiff in February 1997 to almost 3,000 members 20 years later.

Her work was made even more remarkable as there was no access to social media during the charity's early years.

In recent weeks, WAY has hit the headlines through relentless campaigning against cuts to bereavement support payments .

Supported by footballer and fellow young widower Rio Ferdinand, events such as WAY's 37 annual Big Picnics will act as a meet-up for young bereaved families in various locations throughout the UK.

In the words of local volunteer Andy Eastwood, picnickers can use the event as a "chance to spread the word about how WAY has helped them and how it can help other people who have lost their partner at a young age too".

A spokesperson said: "WAY will support any young person who is overcoming the loss of a partner – whether they were married or not, regardless of whether or not they had children, and of any sexual orientation.

"WAY is run by those widowed young themselves, allowing them to understand what members are going through within the supportive 'family'. And what's next for such a tremendous charity?

"Caroline Sarll has pledged that Widowed And Young aims to reach a membership of 20,000 by 2020, becoming an acclaimed national organisation.

"Selfless in her work, it will be this inspired awareness that will provide members with the supportive tools required to tackle the real battle ahead of them in their unfortunate position, and help others elsewhere."

The WAY Foundation can be contacted on www.widowedandyoung.org.uk.

Dinas Powys Art Group to exhibit

SUMMER is approaching, and so it's time for Dinas Powys Art Group to hold its annual exhibition.

This year it takes place on the weekend of June 10 and 11, from 10am till 4pm each day.

A spokesperson said: "The venue, Dinas Powys Parish Hall, is a lovely space with plenty of room to browse the artworks, and then relax in the refreshment area for tea, coffee and cakes.

"There will be an art table for visiting children to create their own masterpieces, usually involving lots of glitter.

"Visitors are always very impressed by the high standard and wide variety of the paintings on display and they have the chance to vote for their favourite. As well as the general artwork, this year there will be a selection of images of Wales.

"Commission from sales is donated to a local charity and this year we will be buying computer software for a local child with disabilities. "

Dinas Powys art group has 30 members who meet on either a Monday afternoon or Monday evening, with guidance from Barry artist, Glyn Pooley.

There will be an opportunity for anyone who wants to start painting to sign up to the waiting list at the exhibition.

Blacksmith's Arms hand cheque to Scouts

Olly Leonard, receiving a cheque from quiz-leader Sian Ward at the Blacksmith's Arms.

THE 1st Llantwit Major Scout Group is planning what it calls 'a summer of fun, challenge and adventure' because of a donation from The Blacksmith's Arms in Llanmaes.

The Scout group is now able to extend its range of activities thanks to the local pub quiz at The Blacksmith's Arms in Llanmaes, which is held every Wednesday, with all proceeds being donated to local good causes.

In the latest funding round, 1st Llantwit Major Scout Group was awarded £300.

Olly Leonard, adult volunteer, said: "We were thrilled to learn of the support from the Blacksmith's Wednesday quiz. Their very generous donation will be put to immediate use supporting activities for Llantwit Major Scouts."

A spokesperson said: "It is donations like this, the dedication of adult volunteers and parent helpers that makes Scouting in Llantwit Major so successful.

"Creating opportunities for young people to develop social skills and independence and to form friendships is central to Scouting philosophy and has long term positive impact on young people in Llantwit Major."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Coffee and celebration

A COFFEE morning and day of celebration is planned at Barry Library in King Square for Friday, May 19.

Come along between 10am and 4pm and learn more about the forthcoming 70th anniversary of Indian Independence. Raffle and refreshments.

Valeways guided walks

ON Wednesday, May 24 the Coffee Shop Strollers meet in Cosmeston outside the visitor centre, at 10.30am.

They meet the same day in Llantwit Major in the town hall car park at 2.30pm.

On Wednesday, May 31 Coffee Shop Strollers meet in Barry at the Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap at 10.30am.

At 2.30pm the same day, Coffee Shop Strollers meet in Cowbridge at the Physic Garden fountain.

Readers' Letters Extra

People are not 'receptors'

RECEPTOR is an organ or cell able to respond to light, heat or other stimulus.

This is the terminology that Biomass used in their submission to Natural Resources Wales when applying for a licence to operate an incinerator just a few hundred metres from a road, a railway station, council offices and thousands of homes.

There is already a high occurrence of asthma in the Barry area. These problems are a cause for concern with higher than average pollution levels.

Biomass proposes to emit more pollutants, both specified and unknown into the Barry atmosphere with scant regard to the 'receptors' of Barry and surrounding areas.

In other words, the people of Barry are the 'receptors'. You and your children are regarded as 'receptors' – guinea pigs as collateral damage in the dash for grants and profit.

Politicians, councillors and public servants who voted for, abstained from, did not scrutinise properly or made excuses/passed the buck for this absurd plan to burn on the very edge of our beautiful town should hang their heads in shame and question their motives for seeking the 'receptors' support and trust.

You, the people of Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan must make your objections known. We are human beings, not 'receptors'.

Voice your concern directly to Natural Resources Wales: quote the application reference number PAN-000869 and send them into the Regulated Industry Permitting Team Leader, Natural Resources Wales, Cambria House, 29 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF24 0TP or email to permittingconsultations@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Fred Phipps-Harkus, Barry.

LOCAL ELECTION 'THANK YOU'

FOLLOWING the results of the local elections we would like to thank the good people of Gibbonsdown and Colcot for electing us to represent them on the Vale Council and Barry Town Council.

We will do our best to serve all the people of the ward. Anyone is free to contact us with any problems or concerns they may have.

Couns Margaret Wilkinson, Julie Aviet and Jack Hawkins.

'Legoland in Barry' believes GEM reader

CAN anybody tell me about the architects who designed these estates in Barry, for example, Dunlin Court ('Legoland') and now the waterfront by Asda?

I would not be surprised if the houses were built inside the Asda car park – talk about cramming them in.

Haven't these architects got any pride?

When I asked the builders about the quality of work and the design, they just shook their heads.

Nigel Lloyd, Barry.

'ALL PRAISE THE NHS'

UNFORTUNATELY, my wife and I met with a road traffic accident in the Vale recently.

Within less than five minutes of a telephone call, a paramedic was on the scene.

He showed great compassion and care for our situation.

Due to legal proceedings, I cannot disclose any further details.

Name and address supplied.

Encouraging start to new season for the Vale Cricket Club

VALE Cricket Club has got off to an encouraging start over the first two competitive weekends of the 2017 season.

The first XI narrowly lost the season opener off the last ball and bounced back last weekend to claim a win, while the second XI sit at the top of their league after two victories.

Playing first away against Crumlin, the firsts were put into bat. After a tricky start that saw the loss of skipper JP Davies and opening partner JJ Davies (20) early on, Ben Horton (31) and debutant Alex Davidson (57) steadied the innings, which allowed Scott McCutcheon (40*) and Joe Hodges (50) to let rip at the end, Vale finishing on 244 for 7.

Ieuan Veall took 4-27 for the home team.

After the loss of early wickets Crumlin proceeded steadily through Hopkins (79) and the excellent Simon Veall (93).

Their dismissals gave hope, but big hitting from Ieuan Veall (26*) hit the winning runs off the last ball of the match.

At home, the seconds' were put in and scored 201 for 7, largely through the efforts of Paul Sheppard (69), Matthew Thomas (39) and a swift 27 not out from Greg Andrews.

Consistently good bowling from Andrews , Alex Upham, Chris Haskins and Thomas (3-34) kept Crumlin behind the rate, and despite middle order hitting Lee Parker (41) and Haines (38), the visitors fell 10 runs short on 191-9.

Last weekend, the firsts were at home against Creigiau.

Skipper JP Davies elected to bat on winning the toss, and with Davidson again to the fore with a second half century (61), supported by JP (39), Vale closed on 205-8 (Martin 3-28).

Creigiau were never in the hunt, and despite 69 not out from Dafydd Taylor, ended on 133-9. Alex Upham bowled well to take 3 for 25.

In the reverse fixture, the seconds gained maximum points (albeit through a slightly scruffy performance).

Bowling first, Vale's opening attack was wayward and Solanki (25) and Rowlands (58) got off to a good start.

However, good middle innings bowling from Gethin Merry and Paul Sheppard wrested back control to allow Idris Merry (4-13) to finish off the innings with a spectacular four wickets in five balls, all bowled and including a hattrick.

Creigiau's 138 should not have been a particular challenge, but the early loss of skipper Carl Brooks and Sheppard (23) meant that calm and composed batting from Mark Francis (55 not out) was required to ensure victory.

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WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE?

Alzheimer's Society fundraiser

COME and join us on Monday, June 22 from 10.30 – 12pm at Restway Gardens (top of Newcastle Hill) Bridgend (CF31 4HY) for our Open Day.

Have fun and help us raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

There will be tea, coffee, cakes and crafts on sale and all profits will go directly to the Alzheimer's Society.

We also have a singer attending, so dancing and singing is a must!

Author Alison Weir speaks

THERE are a few tickets remaining for an evening with Alison Weir, historian and author of highly acclaimed biographies of Elizabeth I and Eleanor of Aquitaine, amongst others.

Alison will be talking about the second in her series of novels on the wives of Henry VIII, *Anne Boleyn*, to be published on May 18.

Griffin Books is hosting the event on Wednesday, May 31 at All Saints' Church, Victoria Square beginning at 7.30pm.

Tickets £15 each including a glass of wine or soft drink. Alison's books will be on sale at s discount on the night and she will be happy to sign copies. Visit Griffin Books or call 02920 706455 to book tickets.

Care and Repair

IF you are a homeowner or private tenant in the Vale, elderly or disabled, and in need of advice on repairs or home improvements, Care and Repair in Vale can help you to adapt and maintain your home.

They can give advice on grants available and reputable companies to use.

GORCHYMYN DARGYFEIRIO LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS 2017 (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 7) 2017

1. Hysbysir trwy hyn bod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adrannau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, yn bwriadu gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gosod mannau parcio i bobl anabl yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 1 ac yn gwaredu'r mannau parcio i bobl anabl yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 ac yn gosod cyfyngiadau parcio yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlenni 3, 4 a 5 isod.
2. Mae modd gweld manylion llawn y cynigion hyn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau gwaith arferol a rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiadau a allai fod gennych i'r cynnig hwn i Gyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyf.IF822) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 9 Mehefin 2017 a rhaid cynnwys eich rhesymau dros wrthwynebu.
3. Hysbysir pobl sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig fod cyfrifoldeb cyfreithiol ar y Cyngor hwn, yn sgil Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad at Wybodaeth) 1985, i gyflwyno unrhyw sylwadau a dderbynnir mewn ymateb i'r Gorchymyn a gynigir yn agored i'w harchwilio gan y cyhoedd.
Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn:
Gorchymyn (Gorfodi Sifil) Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio 2013

ATODLEN 1

Mewnosod Map o Ddeddf Personau Anabl Mannau Parcio Arfaethedig
Dunlin Court, Y Barri (AW52)
Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell adeilad y gogledd-ddwyrain rhifau 65 i 68 tua'r de-orllewin am 3.6 metr.

Everard Street, Y Barri (30) (AU53)
Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o linell ffin eiddo rhif 28 a 30 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Gladstone Road, Y Barri (148) (AV51)
Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 146 a 148 tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 5.5 metr.

Kendrick Road, Y Barri (8) (AW51)
Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 6 ac 8 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Kingsland Crescent, Y Barri (51) (AW52)
Ar ochr y gorllewin o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 49 a 51 tua'r gogledd am 5 metr.

Plymouth Road, Y Barri (29) (AZ51)
Ar ochr y gorllewin o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 28 a 29 tua'r gorllewin am 6 metr.

Salisbury Road, Y Barri (52) (AX49)
Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 50 a 52 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Vale Street, Y Barri (AT49)
Ar ochr y gogledd o bwynt tua 6 metr i'r gorllewin o'r gyffordd â Park Crescent, tua'r gorllewin am 12 metr.

Arcot Street, Penarth (46) (AJ64)
Ar ochr y dwyrain o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 45 a 46 tua'r de am 5.5 metr.

John Street, Penarth (25) (AI65)
Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 24 a 25 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.5 metr.

ATODLEN 2

Mewnosod Map o'r Dileu Arfaethedig Pobl Anabl Man Parcio
Court Road, Y Barri (57) (AU52)
Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 55 a 57 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Romilly Road, Y Barri (32) (AU49)
Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 31a a 32 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 6.5 metr.

Heol yr Orsaf, Y Barri (73) (AW52)
Ar ochr y de-orllewin o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 71 a 73 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.7 metr.

Woodlands Road, Y Barri (61) (AU52)
Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 59 a 61 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 6 metr.

Hewell Street, Penarth (5) (AI63)
Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 5 a 6 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 4.9 metr.

Plassey Street, Penarth (71) (AJ65)
Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o bwynt tua 25 metr i'r gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd ag Albert Road, tua'r gorllewin am 6.6 metr.

ATODLEN 3

Mewnosod Map of Arfaethedig Limited Mon Aros i Sadwrn 08:00-6:00 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr ac eithrio deiliaid trwyddedau preswyl.
Court Road, Y Barri (57) (AU52)
Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 55 a 57 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Woodlands Road, Y Barri (61) (AU52)
Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 59 a 61 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 6 metr.

ATODLEN 4

Mewnosod Map of Preswyl Arfaethedig Dim ond Man Parcio Llun i ddydd Sadwrn 8 y bore i 6.30pm.
Plassey Street, Penarth (71) (AJ65)
Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o bwynt tua 25 metr i'r gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd ag Albert Road, tua'r gorllewin am 6.6 metr.

ATODLEN 5

Mewnosod Map o Dirymu Arfaethedig Dydd Llun Aros Cyfyngedig i Sadwrn 08:00-6:00 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr ac eithrio deiliaid trwyddedau preswyl
Kendrick Road, Y Barri (8) (AW51)
Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell ffin eiddo rhifau 6 a 8 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Dyddiedig 18 Mai 2017
M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai Cyngor
Bro Morgannwg
The Alps, Gwenfô.
CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 7) ORDER 2017

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to install the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in Schedule 1 and remove the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in Schedule 2 and install the parking restrictions at the locations specified in Schedules 3,4&5 below.
2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref.IF822) in writing by 9th June 2017 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.
3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.
The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:
Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Insert Map of the Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places
Dunlin Court, Barry (AW52)
On the north west side from the north eastern building line of property numbers 65 to 68 in a south westerly direction for 3.6 metres.

Everard Street, Barry (30) (AU53)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 28 and 30 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Gladstone Road, Barry (148) (AV51)
On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 146 and 148 in a north easterly direction for a distance of 5.5 metres.

Kendrick Road, Barry (8) (AW51)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 6 and 8 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Kingsland Crescent, Barry (51) (AW52)
On the west side from the boundary line of property numbers 49 and 51 in a northerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Plymouth Road, Barry (29) (AZ51)
On the north side from the boundary line of property numbers 28 and 29 in a westerly direction for a distance of 6 metres.

Salisbury Road, Barry (52) (AX49)
On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 50 and 52 in a north easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Vale Street, Barry (AX49)
On the north side from a point approximately 6 metres west of the junction with Park Crescent, in a westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres.

Arcot Street, Penarth (46) (AJ64)
On the east side from the boundary line of property numbers 45 and 46 in a southerly direction for a distance of 5.5 metres.

John Street, Penarth (25) (AI65)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 24 and 25 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5.5 metres.

SCHEDULE 2

Insert Map of the Proposed Removal of Disabled Persons Parking Places
Court Road, Barry (57) (AU52)
On the north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 55 and 57 in a north easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Romilly Road, Barry (32) (AX49)
On the north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 31a and 32 in a north easterly direction for 6.5 metres.

Station Street, Barry (73) (AW52)
On the south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 71 and 73 in a north westerly direction for 5.7 metres.

Woodlands Road, Barry (61) (AU52)
On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 59 and 61 in a south westerly direction for 6 metres.

Hewell Street, Penarth (5) (AI63)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 5 and 6 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 4.9 metres.

Plassey Street, Penarth (71) (AJ65)
On the north east side from a point 25 metres north west of its junction with Albert Road in a north westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 metres.

SCHEDULE 3

Insert Map of Proposed Limited Waiting Mon to Saturday 8am to 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except resident permit holders.
Court Road, Barry (57) (AU52)
On the north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 55 and 57 in a north easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Woodlands Road, Barry (61) (AU52)
On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 59 and 61 in a south westerly direction for 6 metres.

SCHEDULE 4

Insert Map of Proposed Resident Only Parking Place Mon to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm.
Plassey Street, Penarth (71) (AJ65)
On the north east side from a point 25 metres north west of its junction with Albert Road in a north westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 metres.

SCHEDULE 5

Insert Map of Proposed Revocation of Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except resident permit holders
Kendrick Road, Barry (8) (AW51)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 6 and 8 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Dated this 18th day of May 2017
M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

Mixed open held at Wenvoe Castle

Colin and Sandra Champ receiving their prizes from lady captain Helen Hughes (centre).

Runners-up Meirion Evans and Sheila Morrow receiving their prizes from lady captain Helen Hughes (centre).

THE first Mixed Open competition at Wenvoe Castle attracted a large entry from golf clubs far and wide and played in a mix of sunshine and showers.

The course was in superb condition and players really appreciated the efforts of the green staff to present the course to such a high standard so early in the golfing season.

The advantage to home players was offset by separate prizes awarded to visiting pairs together with a prize for any hole completed in just two strokes.

The search for a two proved particularly difficult and Ruth Stock from St Pierre was the sole winner and reaped a huge prize of 36 balls.

The winning visitors were Luke Davison and Sian Smith from neighbouring Dinas Powys Golf Club who scored an excellent 40 points.

They just beat fellow club members Steve and Ruth Yates who picked up second prize with 38 points.

Colin and Sandra Champ secured the top score for Wenvoe Castle members with an impressive 40 points just ahead of Meirion Evans and Sheila Morrow who were close behind with 38 points.

Lady captain Helen Hughes presented the prizes and thanked club members and visitors for supporting the competition and paid compliments to the green staff for the excellent condition of the course.

The efforts of the bar and catering staff were appreciated throughout a long and busy day together with the ladies section who helped with starters on the first tee, administration at reception and welcome refreshments at the Half Way House.

A great competition which will be repeated later in the year and full details can be found on the club website together with opportunities for membership and special offers to play the course.

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GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

GORCHYMYN TRAFFIG ARBROFOL 2017

(CYFYNGIAD PARCIO HEOL HOLLTWN, Y BARRI) CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

Ar 17th Mai 2017 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adrannau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir isod.

Bydd effaith y Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol, a ddaw i rym ar 22 Mai 2017, neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr arwyddion a'r marciau ffyrdd priodol yn eu lle, yn cael eu hamlinellu yn yr Atodlenni isod ar hyd y cyfnod.

Y rheswm dros wneud Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol yw i asesu effaith y cyfyngiadau parcio am gyfnod prawf cyn ystyried a ddylid gwneud darpariaethau'r Gorchymyn yn barhaol.

Gellir archwilio copi o'r Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol, map yn dangos ei effeithiau, datganiad am y rhesymau y gwnaed y Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol am y cyfnod y mae mewn grym; yn swyddfeydd y rhai sydd wedi arwyddo isod, ac yn y Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Y Barri yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Mae modd i'r darpariaethau arbrofol barhau mewn grym am gyfnod prawf o fwyafswm o 18 mis cyn y rhoir ystyriaeth i Orchymyn parhaol. O fewn 6 mis i'r Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol yn dod i rym gall unrhyw unigolyn wrthwynebu Gorchymyn parhaol. Dylai unrhyw wrthwynebiad fod yn ysgrifenedig, yn rhoi'r rhesymau pam a'i gyfeirio at y Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyf IF832) yn y cyfeiriad isod.

Gwahoddir unrhyw sylwadau sy'n cefnogi'r Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol hefyd yn ystod y cyfnod hwn. Gall unrhyw unigolyn sydd am gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol neu unrhyw un o'i ddarpariaethau ar y sail nad yw o fewn pwerau'r Ddeddf galluogi berthnasol, neu nad oes cydymffurfio wedi bod â gofynion unrhyw Ddeddf galluogi debyg, neu unrhyw reoliadau perthnasol, o fewn chwech wythnos i'r dyddiad y gwnaed y Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol, wneud cais i'r perwyl hwn i'r Uchel Lys.

ATODLEN

Atodlenni Map AV52, AV51, AW51

Gwelliant arfaethedig i'r mannau aros cyfyngedig a'r mannau llwytho a rennir.

Heol Holltwn

Heol Holltwn i gyd o'i gyffordd â Tynewydd Road i gyfeiriad y de-orllewin am tua 350 metr, gan gynnwys y pump man parcio presennol mewn cilfannau a rennir, fel y gwelir ar y cynllun atodedig.

Diddymu llwytho a rennir yn unig (6am – hanner dydd) i aros cyfyngedig yn unig (2 awr, dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr) 8am - 6pm

Man llwytho rhif. 2, gyferbyn â Wilkinsons, rhwng ffiniau eiddo 74 – 82.

Man llwytho rhif. 4, i'r de o gyffordd Thompson Street rhwng eiddo 38 – 46

Man llwytho rhif. 5 i'r gogledd o Beryl Road, rhwng ffiniau eiddo 14 – 24.

Newid i amseroedd presennol llwytho yn unig (6am – hanner dydd) i 6am - 10:30am.

Man llwytho rhif 1, i'r de o gyffordd Tynewydd Road rhwng eiddo 89 - 99.

Man llwytho rhif. 3 ochr ddeheuol cyffordd Heol Holltwn rhwng eiddo 50 - 60

Dyddiedig 18 Mai 2017

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(HOLTON ROAD BARRY PARKING RESTRICTION) EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDER 2017

On the 17th May 2017 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

The effect of the Experimental Traffic Order, which shall come into operation on the 22nd May 2017, or on the date that the appropriate road signs and markings are in place, will be as outlined in the Schedules below for its duration

The reason for proceeding by way of an Experimental Traffic Order is to assess the effects of the parking restrictions for a trial period before consideration is given to whether the provisions of the Experimental Traffic Order should be made permanent.

A copy of the Experimental Traffic Order, a map showing its effects, a statement of the reasons for having made the Experimental Traffic Order for its duration, may be inspected at the offices of the undersigned, and at the Civic Offices, Barry during normal office hours.

The experimental provisions can continue in force for a maximum of 18 months trial period before a permanent Order is considered. Within a period of 6 months from the coming into operation of the Experimental Traffic Order any person may object to the making of a permanent Order. Any objection should be in writing, giving the grounds on which it is made and be addressed to the Director of Environment and Housing (Ref IF832) at the address given below.

Any comments in support of the Experimental Traffic Order are also invited during this period. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Experimental Traffic Order or any of its provisions on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that a requirement of any such enabling Act or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Experimental Traffic Order was made, make application for this purpose to the High Court.

SCHEDULE

Map Schedules AV52, AV51, AW51

Proposed amendment to shared use loading and limited waiting bays.

Holton Road

The length of Holton Road from its junction with Tynewydd Road in a south westerly direction for approximately 350 metres, covering all five existing shared use layby parking bays, as shown on the attached plan

Revocation of shared use loading only (6am – 12 midday) to become limited waiting only (2 hours, no return in 2 hours) 8am – 6pm

Loading bay no. 2, opposite Wilkinsons, between property boundaries 74 – 82.

Loading bay no. 4 south of Thompson Street junction between properties 38 – 46

Loading bay no. 5 north of Beryl Road, between property boundaries 14 – 24.

Alteration to existing loading only times (6am – 12 midday) to become 6am – 10:30am.

Loading bay no 1, south of Tynewydd Road junction between properties 89 - 99.

Loading bay no. 3 south side of Holton Road junction between properties 50 - 60

Dated the 18th day of May 2017

M. E. Punter
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA..

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Six races, 115 horses and a thrilling afternoon's racing in prospect

THE South Wales and Monmouthshire season comes to an end at picturesque Lower Machen on Saturday, and with 115 horses entered for the six races, an exciting afternoon's racing is promised.

Racing gets under way with the Hunt Members' race at 2pm and trainer Nick Williams holds the key to this race as his recent course winners *Massini's Dream* and *Ruperra Tom* are both entered. However, Mrs Carmen Goldsworthy's *Captain Camelot* will not go down without a fight.

Ruperra Tom is also entered for the confined race which has a total of 18 entries. Others of note are *Desertmore View*, course winners *Robin Des People* and *Lukes Hill* and *Doctor Braveheart* and *King Massini*.

There are 20 entries for the Mixed Open and with recent winner *Universal Soldier, Doctor Braveheart, Northgeorge* and *Take Over Sivola* down to run a good race can be expected.

The biggest entry of the day is for the Restricted and of the 27 entries Roger Willcox's *January Don* which finished eight lengths behind *Ruperra Tom* at the Tredegar should prove too speedy for Jonathan Phillips's *Oscar Fian* and Clive Banwell's *Yeats Ace,* which were third and fourth respectively in that race.

Of the 13 down to face the starter in the Young Horse Maiden, Chris Williams' *Tucks Bergin* who has been knocking at the door should prove too good for David Gibbs's pacemaking *Captain Kennit* who has played second fiddle in his last five outings.

With 25 entries for the Aged Horse Maiden, division on the field is possible and the Gelligaer qualified *The Boss On The Hill* runner-up to *Lukes Hill* at the Tredegar and the Jonathan Tudor-trained *Classic Hit* are two to bear in mind.

Lower Machen memories

POINT-to-point racing returned to Lower Machen in 2001 for the first time in 21 years.

Racing took place there for the first time in 1964 and perhaps the most famous point-to-pointer who raced there was *Snowdra Queen,* dual winner of the United Hunts Chase at the Cheltenham Festival.

Norther, who went on to win the Welsh Grand National, was another good horse which graced the Lower Machen turf as did *Frozen Dawn* who, after winning a controversial men's open, went on to win the Lady Dudley Cup a few days later.

Other good horses I remember racing there back then include *Bronze Miller, Fitz, Linden Lad, Babel, Octroi*, the mighty *Mandryka, Babel* and *Sea Petrel*.

Course specialist *Boundtobe* set an unusual record when winning the Ladies Open with June Lewis in the saddle. Earlier in the day, *Boundtobe* had run in the 1.30pm race at Chepstow racecourse.

One former rider with pleasant memories of the course is Tim Rooney, who rode a four-timer there in 1979 which improved on his hat-trick the previous year.

The late Rhys Williams, father of former point-to-point champion Evan Williams, now Wales's leading National Hunt trainer, and who I believe rode his last winner there on *Arctic Lily,* told me many years ago: "I rode *Norther* and we beat *Snowdra Queen,* and although the track was a little on the sharp side it was a very good one."

More recently, just three other good point-to-pointers who raced there were *Findlay's Friend*, *Lady Myfanwy* and *Chesnut Annie*.

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Vale of Glamorgan Football League wraps up for another season

AFTER starting back in August 2016, a rain-ravaged Butrills playing field saw the final game of the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League take place on Monday, May 15 with the completion of the Year 10 league.

The two cup finalists - Sully Sports Reds and Barry Athletic - met again to determine this time who would be the league winner.

A closely-fought match didn't produce any goals meaning the 0-0 result was enough for Sully Sports Reds to lift the Year 10 league shield with Barry Athletic coming runners-up.

The full results of the Vale of Glamorgan League winners and runners up are as follows:

Seniors - Barry Cup: winners: Vale United, runners-up - AFC Rhoose; Brian Riseborough Golden Boot man of the match award – Joe Williams; Premier League, League & ASRS Cup winners – Vale United, league runners-up - AFC Rhoose, ASRS Cup runners-up - Cowbridge Town FC.

Division 1 - league and Supporters Cup winners – Barry Athletic FC, league runners-up - Barry Belgrade FC; Supporters Cup runners- up – SP Billy FC.

Division 2 - league winners and Dockers Cup runners-up – Cadoxton Imps FC; Dockers Cup winners and league runners-up – Barry Saints FC.

Junior - Year 11 league winners Cogan Coronation Juniors FC; Junior Cup winners and league runners-up – Barry Athletic FC; Junior Cup runners-up – Sully Sports FC.

Year 10 league and Steve Williams Trophy winners – Sully Sports Reds; league and Steve Williams Trophy runners-up – Barry Athletic FC.

Year 9 league, Harry Gratton Trophy and SWFA Year 14 winners – Barry Town United FC; league and Harry Gratton Trophy runners-up – Dinas Powys Wolves.

Year 8 league winners – Porthkerry Panthers FC; Billy Butlin Trophy winners and league runners-up – Cowbridge Town Reds; Billy Butlin Trophy runners-up – Sully Sports Scorpions.

Year 7 league and Brian Riseborough Memorial Trophy winners – Cowbridge Town Reds; league runners-up – Sully Sports Blacks. Brian Riseborough Memorial Trophy runners-up – Cowbridge Town Blacks.

The Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League Committee would like to congratulate all winners and runners-up across all trophies and leagues as well as the presentation parties.

The league will also like to thank all players, managers, coaches, supporters and club officials for their participation in another completed season.

A reminder to all clubs that the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League AGM will take place on Monday, June 19 at the Sea View Labour Club starting at 7.15pm. **MD**

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

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Atodiad

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Dydd Gwener 2 Mehefin 2017 tan **ddydd Gwener 5 Mehefin 2017**	**Tredogan Road, Y Rhws,** rhwng y gyffordd â B4265 - Fforddd Osgoi'r Rhws hyd at y gyffordd â Port Road. **Ffordd Fynediad y Dwyrain, Maes Awyr Caerdydd** tua'r gogledd-orllewin o'r fynedfa i adeilad Coleg y Barri ym man cyfeirnod 307116 167735. **Rhoose Road, Y Rhws,** ar ei hyd.	**O** 15:30 ddydd Gwener 2 Mehefin 2017 tan 06:30 ar ddydd Llun 5 Mehefin 2017.

Dyddiedig 18 Mai 2017

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
Yr Alpau, Gwenfô CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FOOTBALL FINAL SATURDAY 3rd JUNE 2017

Order Under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
For the prevention of obstruction etc

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used in connection with of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(2)(c) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be **closed to all vehicular traffic, including pedal cycles (Except for Access)** between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00

Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 2nd June 2017 until **Monday 5th June 2017**	**Tredogan Road, Rhoose** between its junction with the B4265 - Rhoose By-Pass and continuing to its junction with Port Road **Cardiff Airport Access Road East,** to the northwest of the access to the Barry College building at grid 307116 167735 **Rhoose Road, Rhoose** throughout its length	**From** 15.30Hrs on Friday 2nd June 2017 Until 06.30Hrs on Monday 5th June 2017.

Dated this 18th day of May 2017

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps Wenvoe CF5 6AA

BDO Darts comes to the Barry Memorial Hall

THE British Darts Organisation will be holding the fourth edition of the BDO World Trophy at Barry Memorial Hall from Friday, May 26 through to Monday, May 29.

With top men's and women's darts players in action, it promises to be a thrilling event - tickets are available from memorialhalltheatre.ticketsolve.com/shows/873573926.

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for May 15:

1st John Beard & Bill Turner 65.81%, 2nd Barrie Waite & Su Summerhayes 61.65%, 3rd Vida Halford & Glyn Williams 59.11%.

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Barry and Vale Scouts go camping

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)

(GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 3) 2017

1. Ar 12 Mai 2017 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adrannau 1, 2 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV o Atodlen 9 o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 o Ddeddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill Orchymyn a ddisgrifir isod:

2. Bydd y Gorchymyn yn dod i rym ar 22 Mai 2017 neu ar y dyddiadau y mae'r arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd mewn lle p'un bynnag sydd hwyaf ac fe'i gelwir yn "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu Llefydd Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygio) (Rhif 3) 2017"

3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

4. Os ydych am gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 22 Mai 2017, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATODLEN

Cynlluniau Arfaethedig i Wahardd Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg

Pencoedtre Lane, y Barri – Map AO53
Ar y ddwy ochr o fan sydd 15 metr i'r de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Port Road, i'r de-ddwyrain am 88 metr.

Golwg Y Coed y Barri – Map AO53
Ar y ddwy ochr o'r gyffordd â Pencoedtre Lane i'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 10 metr.

Y Rhodfa, y Barri – Mynediad Gorllewinol – Map AX51 a AX52
Ar ddwy ochr y ffordd o fan sydd tua 15 metr i'r de o'r gyffordd â Ffordd y Mileniwm, i'r de am tua 50 metr.

Y Rhodfa, y Barri – Mynediad Dwyreiniol – Map AX51 a AX52
Ar ddwy ochr y ffordd o fan sydd tua 15 metr i'r de o'r gyffordd â Ffordd y Mileniwm, i'r de am tua 50 metr.

Castle Drive, Dinas Powys – Map AL60
Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o fan sydd tua 25 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Murch Road, i'r gogledd-orllewin am tua 20 metr, gan ymestyn ardal y Gwaharddiad Aros Unrhyw Amser.

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o fan sydd tua 10 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r Gyffordd â St Donats Close, i'r gogledd-ddwyrain am tua 28 metr, ar hyd y Gwaharddiad Aros Unrhyw Amser.

Lôn ddienw i'r ardal barcio y tu ôl i "The Parade", Dinas Powys – Map AL60
Ar ddwy ochr cyffordd Castle Drive, i'r de-orllewin am 10 metr.

Cynlluniau Arfaethedig i Ddiddymu Gwaharddiad Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg

St Nicholas Road, Y Barri – Map AY49 and AZ49
Diddymu'r Gorchymyn gwahardd aros ar unrhyw adeg ar ochr y dwyrain o ffin eiddo rhif 33 a 35 i'r de hyd at ffin eiddo Rhif 2 a 3 The Mews am 58 metr.

Dyddiad: 18 Mai 2017

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps,
Gwenfô CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES)

(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 3) ORDER 2017

1.On the 12th May 2017 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 22nd May 2017 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 3) Order 2017"

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 22nd May 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time

Pencoedtre Lane Barry – Map AO53
On both sides from a point 15 metres south east of the junction with Port Road, in a south easterly direction for 88 metres.

Golwg Y Coed Barry – Map AO53
On both sides from the junction with Pencoedtre Lane in a north easterly direction for 10 metres.

Y Rhodfa Barry – Western Access – Map AX51 & AX52
On both sides of the road from a point approximately 15 metres south of the Junction with Ffordd Y Milenium, in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 50 metres.

Y Rhodfa Barry – Eastern Access – Map AX51 & AX52
On both sides of the road from a point approximately 15 metres south of the Junction with Ffordd Y Milenium, in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 50 metres.

Castle Drive Dinas Powys – Map AL60
On the north western side from a point approximately 25 metres north east of the junction with Murch Road, in a north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 20 metres, contiguous with the existing Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time restriction.

On the north western side, from a point 10 metres north east of the junction with St Donats Close, in a north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 28 metres, contiguous with the existing Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time restriction.

Unnamed lane that serves the car parking area to the rear of "The Parade" Dinas Powys – Map AL60
On both sides from the junction of Castle Drive, in a south westerly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

Proposed Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

St Nicholas Road Barry – Map AY49 and AZ49
Revoke the existing prohibition of waiting at any time Order on the eastern side from the boundary of properties No's 33 and 35 in a southerly direction to the boundary of properties No's 2 and 3 The Mews for a distance of 58 metres.

Dated this 18th day of May 2017

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA

TIR A MÔR (Barry and Vale) Scout District held its first ever district camp recently.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers had a bank holiday adventure, enjoying 40 different activities all planned and managed by a team of 65 adult volunteers.

The Scouts didn't need to go far to begin their adventure, the group camped in local school grounds, St Cyres, Penarth. The camp was held so the youngsters could experience adventure outdoors away from home and to have lots of fun with their friends learning new and exciting skills from many challenges.

The camp was attended by 250 youngsters from 1st Penmark, 1st Llantwit Major, 2nd/4th Barry, 5th Barry Sea Scouts and Beast Explorers, who all belong to Tir a Môr (Barry and Vale) Scout District.

Su Osbourne, lead volunteer for Beavers in Tir a Môr, said: "All the time and planning for this camp is worth it when you see the Beaver Scouts having so much fun. They really do gain so much confidence on weekends away."

The weekend was action-packed from the Friday night to the Monday afternoon where the youngsters took part in a range of activities including climbing, inflatables, laser tag, sumo-wrestling, archery, outdoor cooking, fire lighting, team sports, driving a car, go-carts, team games and crafts.

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Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service in the chapel on Tuesday, May 23rd at 2pm, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research Wales.

BURDGE
Thomas Laurence (Laurie)

Suddenly passed away at Llandough Hospital on Thursday, 11 May. Laurie will be sadly missed by his devoted wife Margot and their children Tessa, Andrew and Peter and their loving grandchildren.

Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Dinas Powis on Tuesday, 23 May at 11am, followed by interment at Lower Penarth Cemetary. Family flowers only.

WALKER
Audrey May

Peacefully passed away in the early hours of Friday morning, 12th May at Llandough Hospital at the age of 88. Much loved mum of David, Bryan, Jacqueline, Robert and Sally-Anne. Adored and loved grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother.

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Funeral service at 1pm on Wednesday, 31st May at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired for Llandough Hospital will be collected on the day.

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Barbara Mary (née Ellis)

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Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her reception into St. Helen's RC Church, Barry on Thursday, May 25th at 4.30pm for her requiem mass on Friday, May 26th at 11am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery at 12.30pm. Family flowers only but donations, in lieu of flowers to Parkinson's UK and The Alzheimer's Society.

FOLEY
Paul Anthony

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MAY
Alan Glyn (Binsy)

The family wish to thank everyone who attended Alan's funeral and for all the messages of sympathy and support.

Special thanks to Lyndsay Ellis of The Vale Funeral Service for his care in arranging the funeral and also Reverened Chris Seaton for his comforting service.

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TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL – PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NOS. 21 & 22 WENVOE – PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2016

Notice is hereby given pursuant to paragraph 3 (6) of Schedule 14 to the Act that the Inspector appointed by the Welsh Ministers to determine the Order, proposes to modify the Order as follows:

- In Article 5 of the Order insert in brackets after the words 'The Applicant' the words '(Redrow Homes Ltd)';
- In Part 2 of the Schedule, in the descriptions of both Footpath 21 Wenvoe and Footpath 22 Wenvoe, in the columns headed 'Width' delete the figure '1.5' and insert the figure '2.0';
- In the same columns, add the following words: 'subject to the limitations of street furniture';

A copy of the Order, as submitted, and a copy of the Order showing the proposed modifications together with the Inspector's decision dated 27th April 2017 have been deposited at Vale of Glamorgan Council Offices, Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry CF63 4RT and may be inspected free of charge during normal working hours (Contact Gwyn Teague on 01446 704810 or email gteague@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

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NOTICE POSTED ON: 18 May 2017

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On 9 May 2017 The Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath running from the adopted highway (NGR 309362 174403) to a point beyond the development (NGR 309363 174529) and create an alternative footpath to a line running from the adopted highway (NGR 309427 174439) to a point beyond the development (NGR 309363 174529) as shown on the Order map.

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Double for Barry's footballing veterans!

BARRY Veterans Football Club completed an impressive double in the Wales Veterans Football Association over-50s competition.

After winning the league in style with two matches remaining, they defeated Mathern Veterans 4-0 to claim the over-50s cup!

Barry dominated the final from the whistle and although Mathern were resolute, the breakthrough came on 28 minutes when good work by Dave Murray was rewarded when the evergreen Mike Bobbett hit an unstoppable drive past a despairing Adrian Lovett in the Mathern goal.

Minutes later Alun Huish crashed a thunderbolt against an upright from 20 yards, but despite Barry's dominance they only took a 1-0 lead into the interval.

In the second half, Mathern worked hard to gain parity but failed to trouble keeper Royston Harding.

Barry again seized the initiative, firstly Francis Dupuy hit an upright and then a cross by substitute Dave Hodgkinson was cooly headed home by Mike Fredriksen on 55 minutes.

Three minutes later the prolific Fredriksen doubled his tally and put the game beyond Mathern. Jeff White completed the scoring with a fine header on 70 minutes.

Barry over-50s remain unbeaten in all competitions this season and for the second successive year were the dominant force in the fiercely contested Veterans League against teams throughout south Wales.

Mike Fredriksen was again the league's top scorer but some of the town's most well-known names including Mike Bobbett, Steve Hill, Jimmy Blackie, Alun Huish, Royston Harding, Jeff White and Dave Hodgkinson all contributed to another successful season.

In the over-45s league, Barry lie in fourth position, but in the over-55s league Barry again lead the way with one match to play.

Further information is available on www.walesveteransfootball.co.uk

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Gardens are open in the Vale for charity

The Japanese garden at Knightsbridge.

LOCAL gardens participating the National Garden Scheme are as follows:

Knightsbridge: This is a Japanese garden with a Zen gate, Torri gate and Japanese lanterns featuring a large collection of Japanese style trees, which include English elm, oak and larch. It has a pagoda and three water features, including an Amazon waterfall a large Buddha's head and a new pond.

See the garden on Sunday, May 28 and Sunday, August 6 (11am–5pm). Admission £3, children free; homemade teas.

Knightsbridge, 21 Monmouth Way, Boverton, Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan, CF61 2GT.

Llanmaes gardens: Llanmaes, one mile from Llantwit Major, is a pretty village with attractive village green, stream running through and a 13th century church.

Old Froglands is an historic farmhouse with streams and woodland areas linked by bridges. Ducks swim and chickens roam free. The vegetable plot is now productive. Plantings are varied with interesting foliage.

Brown Lion House is a newly-renovated garden around mature trees and shrubs with patios and pathways.

Gadlys Farm House is in one acre of informal family garden surrounding a 17th century farmhouse. Various sitting areas amongst mature trees, herbaceous borders, summerhouse water feature and courtyard with planters.

Mehefin is an enchanting garden with bursts of colour and *West Winds* has a surprise in store!

See the gardens on Sunday, June 4 (12 noon to 5pm). Combined admission £5, children free. Light refreshments at Old Froglands and Mehefin.

Llanmaes gardens, Llanmaes, Llantwit Major, Glamorgan, CF61 2XR.

CLOSE GAMES FOR PENARTH BELLE VUE BOWLING CLUB

BELLE Vue won a very close game, 75-68, against Maesteg Welfare in the Carruthers Shield, with two rinks winning, two losing and played in lovely, sunny conditions.

Rink one lost 17-18 in a very close game. Lead was Mike Owens, no 2 Dave Smith, no 3 Dave Miller and skip was Captain Malcom Thomas.

Rink two lost 16-21; lead was Gerry Field, no 2 Paul Booth, no 3 Len Fowler and skip was Dave Purser.

Rink three was another close game – nip and tuck all the way but Belle Vue edged it in the end 20-17. Lead was Dave Bradley, no 2 Gordon Ford, no 3 Richard Brant and skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink four had a very good win: 22-12. Lead was Graham Duggan, no 2 Frank Keen, no 3 was Paul Patterson and our skip was Colin Scammell.

Thank you to Malcom Thomas and his two dinner ladies washing up for us: Tracey Thomas and Marcia Warren. It was a lovely tea and good company.

Belle Vue then lost against Barry Central in a very close Munro Cup game 69-75, two rinks winning, two losing; points 4 for Belle Vue, 10 for Barry Central.

Rink one lost 22-23; lead was Richard Fitzjohn, no 2 Dave Smith, no 3 Dave Miller and skip was Malcom Thomas.

Rink two won 23-21, another close rink. Lead was Mike Owens, no 2 was sub Dave Rappitt, no 3 John Whitfield and skip was Dave Runser.

Rink three won in another close rink 15-14; lead was Frank Keen (captain) no 2 Gordon Ford, no 3 Colin Scammell and skip was Len Fowler.

Rink four lost 9-17 but they played one player light. Lead was Dave Bradley, no 3 Richard Brant and skip was Trevor Ford.

A big thank you to Malcom Thomas for our pasties and for looking after the bar.

FRANK KEEN

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Sarah's winning streak continues at tennis club

HOT on the heels of the May Day Wimbledon tickets tournament, Cowbridge Tennis Club was delighted to hold its round of the UK-wide Aegon Parent and under-10 child tournament with a nice surprise at stake for the winners.

On a beautiful, sunny afternoon there were more than 40 children playing on our regular free session for junior members.

Amongst this throng a few brave parents entered a round-robin competition of two groups of five pairs with group winners and runners-up playing semi-finals and finals.

The semi-finals saw Paul and Ffion Collingridge (emulating her brother's rugby and football prowess) and Kate Button and Camelia Buick each running Sarah and Serian Penketh and Natalie and Izzy Morgan very close with only a point or two in it in both matches.

Following on from her May Day Wimbledon draw tournament success, Sarah struck again as winner, with Serian, closely defeating Natalie and Izzy in the final.

All the children had a great day and received their awards when it was announced that Sarah and Serian as winners will now be representing the club at the 2017 Aegon Classic Birmingham, held at the prestigious Edgbaston Archery and Lawn Tennis Society that serves as a warm up to Wimbledon.

The club has a thriving membership and there are opportunities for all to play most nights, Saturday afternoons and ladies mornings so you can play where you feel most comfortable.

The mens, ladies and junior teams have started their first summer league matches (match reports to follow in next week's GEM).

It is a friendly, family-orientated club and are always welcoming new members.

More detailed information is available on our website cltc.webs.com or please call our coach Ian Duggan on 07919 816609.

DB

Cowbridge RFC end season on rampant form!

FINALLY, it was the last game of the season for Cowbridge RFC as Wattstown were the visitors on a sunny day at the old School Field.

Having won just one of their first five games Cowbridge went on to win 14 of their next 16 games, drawing one and losing just twice to league leaders Cefn Coed and Penygraig.

So this game was important not to just extend that winning record but also to finish the season in third place as victory would take us above Llantwit.

Cowbridge kicked off and within three minutes were on the scoreboard as the ball spun across the backs followed by a couple of rucks before scrum half Hywel Williams leapt over the Wattstown defence to touch down.

The Wattstown kick off didn't reach the 10 metre line and despite losing the ball from the ensuing scrum Cowbridge soon regained possession with second row Jack Anderson sprinting over from 30 metres.

Despite Cowbridge's initial dominance, Wattstown had their moments, pressurising into the 22 and running a couple of penalties.

However a good penalty to touch by No.10 Alex Guard followed by clean lineout ball gave Williams an opportunity to break through the Wattstown defence and release the backs as the ball sped through the hands of Luke Boys and Zac Summerhayes to powerful centre Lindsay McCausland, who sprinted all of 40 metres to touch down under the posts to give Guard an easy conversion.

Wattstown fought back again and pressed on the Cowbridge line but a powerful Cowbridge scrum, with front five Matt Muir, Craig Boxall, John Bater, Kieren David and Jack Anderson proving quite a handful, saw Cowbridge break from the 22.

A strong run by Boxall almost led to try by full back James Phillips who couldn't quite reach a kick through.

Alas there was no respite for Wattstown as a powerful scrum saw no.8 Dan Holder crash over for Cowbridge to register their fourth, and bonus point-earning, try, which Guard converted.

Cowbridge finished the half with a lovely break by Alex Guard to release Phillips who jinked inside the defence, the half-time score Cowbridge 29, Wattstown 0.

Cowbridge started the second half in much the same way as the first. Despite a wayward kick-off, the powerful Cowbridge scrum was soon back on top and from such ball Luke Boys again smashed through the visitors' defence to release fellow centre McCausland to sprint 30 metres for his second try.

Almost from the kick-off Zac Summerhayes received the ball just inside the Wattstown half and swerved and sprinted for a Cowbridge's seventh try.

With such a lead Cowbridge seemed to relax and it was all Wattstown for the next 10 minutes.

A yellow card didn't help and despite some stout Cowbridge defence Wattstown eventually managed to cross the whitewash.

Normal service was soon resumed as good lineout ball by Dan Holder saw Boys yet again scythe through the defence, passing to Alex Guard who glided over from 20 metres.

Coach Dan Williams decided now was the time to make some changes. Tom James came on at scrum half, Hatim Shami on the wing and veteran prop Dave Breed on for his final game (so he says) for the club.

With just a few minutes to go there was a bit of a scuffle, and two yellow cards (one for each side), but that was it, the final score Cowbridge 46, Wattstown 5 (or was it - apparently the referee scored it 53-5, so if anyone playing thinks they've they've been shortchanged please let me know and there'll be a full report of the try next week!).

So, another great display of attacking rugby from the boys,139 (or 146) points scored in the last three games to secure third place - our best for several years.

Well done to all involved, it's been great to watch.

There'll be a full round-up of the season next week following the sold-out annual dinner and presentation night at the clubhouse this Friday.

The guest speaker is Peter Jackson, recently known for his appearances on Scrum V but also a highly-respected journalist and author - it should be a good night.

RV/RK

Cricket youngsters kept busy!

THE junior section of the Cowbridge Cricket Club got underway this week with an under-9s cricket festival with three other teams playing a round robin tournament.

The first game for Cowbridge was against St Fagan's Stags with the Cowbridge coming out on top in convincing fashion.

Each team starts with 200 runs and five runs are deducted for a player being out. Eight players constitute a team with players batting in pairs and face two overs while the fielding side must bowl an over each.

Cowbridge reached 243 runs due mainly to forceful batting by captain Theo Walker and Wil Jonson.

In reply, the Stags reached 204 with most of the home team gaining a wicket in their over.

In the next match against Cardiff Blues Cowbridge fielded their younger team, mostly under-8s, experiencing their first competitive match.

All contributed in a score of 211 which was not quite enough against an older opposition that reached 244 runs.

The last game against Whitchurch Heath brought the older group back to play and resulted in a comfortable victory by 34 runs.

Whitchurch scored 199 in losing five wickets while Cowbridge lost only three in their total of 233 runs.

Harvey Rees and Chloe Williams were the better of the batsmen.

During the week the under-11s playing hard-ball pairs cricket had a comfortable away win by 40 runs to Miskin.

The under-13s came up against a very strong Lisvane team playing on their home patch and lost by 60 runs, while Llantwit Fardre failed to put a team together for the under-15s match at Cowbridge.

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Cowbridge seconds slip to narrow defeat

COWBRIDGE second XI arrived at Pontardawe Park, the adopted home of Llandarcy first XI, to be greeted by a wet uncovered pitch and an outfield that had been cut, but the grass not collected and therefore resembling a cut meadow.

Winning the toss was therefore crucial, but unfortunately stand-in captain David Gascoyne called incorrectly and the Llandarcy captain showed no hesitation in asking Cowbridge to bat in these conditions.

The ever-consistent opening pair of Gascoyne and Jonty Webb got Cowbridge off to an excellent start putting on 53 for the first wicket before Webb was unfortunately run out for 22.

Many shots stopped in the long dropped grass, which would have been boundaries most weeks. This was to prove crucial later in the game.

When Gascoyne was caught for a well compiled 44, hopes of a large total faded.

Apart from Naveed Younas (17) no other Cowbridge batsman got into double figures as the side limped to 124 for 8 at the end of the 40 overs under difficult batting conditions.

After the tea break, the wicket had dried considerably, making batting much less arduous.

John Gilbert opened the bowling in his usual miserly fashion giving the Llandarcy openers nothing to hit.

He was ably supported by young Heath Webb. Both were extremely unlucky not to pick up wickets in the first few overs with the Llandarcy batsmen mis-hitting aerial shots tantalisingly close to Cowbridge fielders, but unfortunately none going to hand.

Gilbert eventually made the breakthrough by bowling the opening batsman.

Ian Evans was brought into the attack to take the pace off the ball and took a wicket with his first delivery, aided by an excellent catch by Anthony Isles in the covers.

Evans then bowled the other opener in his second over leaving Llandarcy in trouble at 38 for 3.

A first class spell of off spin bowling by Younas (4-33) backed up by excellent catching sent Llandarcy reeling at 97 for 9, still needing 28 to win on a difficult pitch with the last pair at the wicket.

However, with a series of unorthodox shots, the last wicket pair somehow built a match-winning stand.

An excellent game played in a good spirit ended in a one wicket defeat for Cowbridge.

After back-to-back away games Cowbridge second XI look forward to a home game against newly-promoted Felinfoel, with the hope of continuing their unbeaten home form.

IE

10-a-side tournament at Barry RFC

THE league season may well be over but there is still more rugby to enjoy at Barry Rugby Club this Saturday.

Barry have been chosen to host the first District B 10-a-side tournament aimed at promoting the game at second team level.

Each team will play a minimum of three games with rolling substitutions allowed throughout which should lead to some exciting rugby.

At the time of going to press, eight teams have entered with the first game kicking off at 12 noon.

So come along and an afternoon of entertainment both on and off the field.

There were no winners on the lottery last week where the numbers were 04, 07, 14 and 16 - this week's prize increases to £4,750.

AJ

Silver medals in Slovenia for South Wales table tennis pair

THE Welsh pairing of Bridgend's Paul Davies and Aberdare's Tom Matthews won silver medals in the men's class 1 team event at the Para Table Tennis Slovenia Open.

With two wins from three matches in the round-robin event, Davies and Matthews needed to win their final match against Italy to be sure of a medal.

Playing together for the first time, they lost the doubles 3-0 to an experienced Italian pair.

But Davies, from North Cornelly, levelled the tie with a great win – edging a tense first set 14-12 and going on to beat an Italian who had won gold in the singles earlier in the week – and then Matthews clinched the win.

With Britain and a Hungary-France pairing finishing with three wins from four, the gold was decided on the result between the two teams.

It was the Hungarian-French partnership who prevailed, having beaten Davies and Matthews 2-0 the previous day.

Davies, a bronze medallist at the London Paralympics in 2012, said: "It was our first tournament together, so our doubles can only improve.

"I could have done better with the shorter balls, but we've had the result we really wanted against Italy to take on to the World Championships.

"For me it is a cracking result, and the young lad did the business to get the final win.

This has given me a lot of confidence. I only lost one singles match here – I'm buzzing now."

MIKE PROSSER

ATHLETIC BOWLERS SECURE IMPORTANT AWAY WIN

BARRY ATHLETIC Bowls Club took an important step to securing a place in the knock out rounds of the Carruther's Shield with an important away victory at Caerau Welfare.

This was always going to be a tough game especially as the Athletic were without a number of first team regulars to master the tricky valley green.

But with a good debut from Paul Shepherd and solid performances from a number of key players, Barry Athletic overcome the opposition by a narrow seven shots.

Top honours on the day went to Glyn Thomas's rink with a five shot victory over Mervyn Davies, with the rink securing an important six shots on the 18th end when matters were looking tight across the green, and eventually laying the foundation for a 23 -18 win.

Elsewhere Richard Bowen's rink battled to a three shot victory over a Caerau rink that included county players Dylan Hookings and Keith Llewelyn.

With Paul Shepherd and Gary Jones laying a consistent foundation, and Geoff Whittaker converting a number of heads it was left to Richard to draw the shot with a front toucher with his last bowl of the match to secure an important victory on the rink.

Robert Horgan was also involved in a great struggle with Mark Lewis with the lead changing hands a number of times during the match.

With Roland Fletcher at lead and Lol Paige giving good support at second, it was left to the experienced pairing of Peter Rogers and former Welsh international Robert Horgan to use all their guile to win three of the last four ends to secure a narrow three shot victory by 21-18.

Martin Clarke's rink swept to an early lead over Paul Hookings leading 18-5 after 10 ends after securing three 3s and a four in the opening ends. However the rink of Steve McKernan, Mike Vaughan and David Wright lost their early consistency in the second half of the game dropping two 4s and a 3 to bring the match level at 18 ends.

Martin's rink could not find the accuracy in the last few ends of the game and despite playing it as tight as possible dropped the last three ends to lose by four shots, 20-24.

However, the loss on Martin Clarke's rink was well covered elsewhere as the game drew to its close and after the final bowl Barry Athletic were relieved to come away with an important victory by 82 shots to 75 to set up a crucial match with Bridgend this week.

The selectors will be looking to introduce greater consistency in to the rinks next week, particularly in the front ends, in what will be a difficult away game on a tricky surface that is not in the best of condition.

Barry Athletic's PG 2 side suffered their second consecutive loss of the season, this time losing to St Fagan's on the 4Wood green at Barry.

Victories by Dave Snelling and Gary Gane were not enough to cover defeats for Paul Webley and Albert Mintern, with the Athletic just picking up a disappointing four points from a possible 14 as they attempt to secure a return to the top division.

The selectors will be looking to strengthen all round this week to kick start the season, and players must look to produce much more consistent performances particularly when at home in order to secure some much needed points.

The knock out rounds of the Vale of Glamorgan County competitions begin in earnest this week with a number of interesting match-ups for the Athletic bowlers.

Top of the pile sees an interesting game between club champion Peter Rogers and club lead Roland Fletcher, while captain Dan Evans entertains the experienced veteran Jeff Wright from the Romilly club. Dick Cowling returns to his old club to take on Joe Coles while Martin Clarke should use home advantage to ease through against Tim Hurcom from the Dinas Powis club.

Richard Bowen is already through to the next round of the senior singles after an anything but comfortable victory against Derek Blayney from the March BC, on a windswept rainy evening, eventually triumphing 21 shots to 10 on a difficult surface.

RB

Matthew (20) is crowned Welsh tae kwon do champion

Matthew Bennett (right) with his lecturer Billy Adams.

MATTHEW Bennett, a student at Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC), has been crowned Welsh tae kwon do champion.

Matthew, who is 20 and from Barry, has competed all over the world in the Korean martial art, best known for its head-height kicks, jumping and spinning kicks.

"I was quite speechless to win," Matthew said. "I've never held this title before and I have been competing for so many years – it feels like a great achievement and it's one of the most valuable titles I hold at the moment."

Matthew has been competing in tae kwon do at national and international level for between 12 and 13 years and has held British, European and international titles.

"My mother got me into it," Matthew said. "I was having a hard time growing up – I was always the individual and I did get picked on so I needed to be able to defend myself. It was a great confidence builder for me as a child; I would not be the person I am today without it."

While wanting to continue professionally with tae kwon do – he has worked as an instructor to young children for the last four years – Matthew decided to become a student to widen his range of options.

"Art and graphic design is another side to me," he explained. "I've always been a creative person – I've had work hard to get my marks but I see graphic design as another career path and one I would like to go down."

Matthew's lecturer, Billy Adams, said: "We are all really proud of Matthew. The amount of work and commitment he puts in to both his studies and his tae kwon do means that he will go far in both fields."

Golfing ladies hold charity competition

ON a cold Thursday, May 11, lady members of Brynhill Golf club were joined by visiting lady golfers from local clubs.

They played a 10 hole competition in aid of this years ladies captain's charity, the Alzheimer's Society.

The annual coffee morning was a great success, raising nearly £700 for the charity. There was a fantastic raffle and numerous stalls, including homemade cakes and chocolates, bric-a-brac and bottles.

Norma Phillips and Jo Kirkpatrick, worked tirelessly all morning encouraging ladies to part with their money.

Coffee, tea and biscuits were served and many ladies stayed on to enjoy lunch provided by our excellent in-house catering team.

Ladies captain Olwyn Thomas, thanked everyone who supported her with donations and their time. She thanked our visitors, and hoped they enjoyed our course.

Competition results were announced and prizes awarded.

The away club winner was Ruth O'Carroll from Southerndown Golf club with 22 points, runner-up Olwyn Young from Glamorganshire Golf club with 21 points. Home club winner Liz Taylor with 22 points, runner-up Lisa Taylor with 19 points.

LT

Millwood edge rivals in cup

WEDNESDAY evening saw Millwood welcome local rivals Murch to the club for a Munro Cup fixture.

Games between the two clubs are always played with a highly competitive edge to them and this evenings game would prove to be no exception.

On rink two skip Alan Bumford and his rink got away to a flier against the Murch rink skipped by T Philips, and after five ends were leading 7-1, a position he was not going to give up easily, winning comfortably by 20 shots to 9.

However on the other rinks matters were a lot tighter - on rink three Al Evans, after five ends, found himself 4-2 down, a position which worsened over the next five ends to a deficit of 13-5.

However, over the next five ends a herculean effort saw them drag themselves back to being level at 14-14; alas over the last three ends the Murch rink skipped by Bill Frampton ran out winners by 18 shots to14.

Meanwhile, Nick Parry and his team were leading D Blainey and his rink 5-2 after five ends and over the next 10 ends the lead see-sawed between the teams.

Going into the last three ends Murch were leading by two shots, however a big effort by Nick and his team saw the position reversed, with a 14-12 win to the home rink.

On the last rink Peter Taylor and his team made steady progress against the rink skipped by Mark Hughes and after 15 ends led by 11 shots to 9.

A 5 dropped on the 16th end would prove fatal, the final score 15 shots to 12, and the overall result was a win for Millwood, 60-54. All players should be congratulated for a good close game.

Saturday saw Millwood travel to Porthcawl to play Griffin Park in the Carruthers Cup.

Gary Williams and his rink got off to a steady start and after 10 ends trailed 8-7, but over the final ends they lost their way, going down 21 -10.

John Slee and his rink found difficulty getting started and after 13 ends trailed 15-9; a valiant effort over the last six ends saw them finally lose by one shot, 18-17.

Geoff Stone and his rink had a difficult afternoon and were 20-8 down after 15 ends. A mini revival saw them finally go down 22-15.

The remaining rink skipped by Keith Davies had a purple patch all afternoon and sailed through the match untroubled, winning comfortably 24-9. On the day, however, Griffin Park took the team honours, winning 70-65.

Members are reminded that availibility sheets for forthcoming events are on the noticeboard and that they should put their names down where appropriate.

BH

VALE OF GLAMORGAN POOL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

THE Billy recorded a 7-3 win travelling away at Finnegans last Thursday in the Vale of Glamorgan Pool League.

The win saw the team another step towards winning the inaugural season with only two games to go.

Singles wins for Gary Roberts, Martin Pring and Ross Jones helped the team to victory, but it was the emphatic Ceri Morris who stole the show, recording a remarkable three 8-ball clear ups from the break.

This is unheard of in local pool leagues and will be difficult for anyone to repeat, winning both singles and his doubles.

His opponents could only look on as his White ball looked as though it was on a string in the three frames he played.

Following another successful night for Mr Morris, this now puts him in the lead position claiming five 8-ball clear ups for the season, and he's still in contention for the singles and doubles titles.

The Billy captain, Tony Mullins, said: "Ceri was just outstanding - you would not expect less from the former Wales under-21 pool team captain."

Over at The Castle, there was a well-deserved win for Cocopops who came out on top 6-4 with Mike Dunn and captain Avient shining again for Cocopops.

Man of the match for The Castle was Gavin Rowlands, who's getting better with age, maturing like a good bottle of French wine!

The Whitchill beat the Borough 8-2. The night started well for the Borough with talisman Les Ashton winning the opening frame - from then it was the Whitchill who took control and dominated until Rob Larkin took the only other point from the Whitchill.

In the last doubles match it would be Lawrence Klee who would seal victory for the Whitchill.

The county team had their first home game against a very strong Neath team and after a poor start the Vale came away with a respectable 18-18 draw.

Neath's star man John Vice played some great shots, while the Vales birthday boy, Graham Avient, played a patient and solid game on his way to winning three out of four games, a feat also accomplished by Ian Hill and man of the match Jamie Stanton.

A special mention to Chris Bardsley who started unusually slow but in sessions three and four he had two outstanding 8ball clear ups. The Vale are now top of their league at the halfway point, well done James and the boys.

The league are looking for sponsors and new teams for next season, as well as players of all capabilities.

Please text Joe on 07870 498738 or email him on Valeofglamorganpoolleague@gmail.com.

JB

Name change in order for Vale boccia champions?

VALE boccia team 'Mission Impossible' recently recorded an impressive unbeaten streak to clinch the 2017 Vale Boccia League.

Winning every match they played in, and avoiding self-destruction in the process, Mission Impossible won the league that started back in February.

The league was made up of several boccia teams including the Boccia Rollers, Hengoleg Day Centre, Scope Sully Skills Development Centre, SEND Scorpions and Woodlands Day Centre.

Taking place at Hengoleg Resource Centre, the teams were divided into two pools, with the top teams in each sub-league progressing to the knock-out stages.

The final was eventually contested between Mission Impossible and SEND Scorpions, with the latter leading at the half way point. Nevertheless, a strong second-half display saw Mission Impossible collect the win in a memorable final.

It was quite a remarkable season for the team from Hengoleg Resource Centre, as they were the first team since 2013 to win every match they played.

Vale trainers enjoy Thursday racing success

VALE trainers Phil Dando, Tim Vaughan and Evan Williams all saddled winners on Thursday, May 11.

Peterston-Super-Ely's Phil Dando landed the handicap hurdle at Worcester with his homebred *Rainbow Haze,* which beat the top-weighted *Gingili* by one-and-three quarter lengths at odds of 10-1 under Conor Orr.

Earlier in the day, Evan Williams's *Cape Caster*, trained at Llancarfan and a 2-1 chance, won the Handicap Hurdle with Adam Wedge in the saddle.

At far-away Carlisle, *Monsieur Arkadin,* trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, beat solitary rival *Oriental Fixer*, trained by Michael Scudamore, in the opening novices' hurdle by some 14 lengths.

Monsieur Arkadin was partnered by Alan Johns and went off at odds of 1-6.

BRIAN LEE

Vale of Glamorgan Football League *FINAL TABLES*

Premier Division

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goal Diff	Points
Vale United	16	13	1	2	34	40
AFC Rhoose	16	10	3	3	30	33
Cowbridge Town	16	9	2	5	16	29
St Athan	16	9	2	5	5	29
Barry Athletic	16	7	2	7	16	23
Penarth Town	16	7	1	8	-1	22
Island Marine	16	5	2	9	-3	17
Tynewydd	16	3	2	11	-36	11
Masons Moving Group	16	1	1	14	-51	4

Division One

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goal Diff	Points
Barry Athletic	20	16	0	4	50	48
Barry Belgrade	20	15	1	4	47	46
Sully Sports	20	11	1	8	15	34
SP Billy	20	10	4	6	11	34
Cadoxton Athletic	20	10	2	8	8	32
Cogan Coronation	20	9	4	7	4	31
FC Pumas	20	9	3	8	7	30
Dockers Reunited	20	8	3	9	2	27
Cadoxton Athletic	20	8	2	9	-1	26
Cardiff Airport	20	6	1	13	-7	19
Cadoxton Barry	20	5	2	13	-36	13
Glenbrook	20	1	1	18	-107	4

Division Two

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goal Diff	Points
Cadoxton Imps	24	17	4	3	69	55
Barry Saints	24	17	3	4	52	54
Penarth Town	24	16	2	6	39	50
Island Marine	24	10	3	11	-3	33
BV	24	10	2	12	-47	32
AFC Rhoose	24	9	4	11	-8	31
Barry Albion	24	8	3	13	-20	27
St Athan	24	7	1	16	-30	22
FC Pumas	24	2	2	20	-52	8

A smashing time at Barry Community Tennis Club

Ladies-only sessions are available at the tennis club, as are men-only ones.

SINCE its foundation in 2015, Barry Community Tennis Club has provided a range of tennis sessions for children from tots to teens.

The club's mini and junior sections continue to develop apace, but it seems that now is the time for the adults to take centre court, with a significant expansion to the adult coaching and playing schedules at the club.

Tennis Tuesdays (for ladies only) has been running at the club since 2015, but until recently, that was the club's only regular adult session.

The club now has busy informal mixed social sessions (Mondays, 2pm), ladies-only sessions (Tuesdays, 7.30pm), and men-only sessions (Wednesdays, 7pm).

In addition to these turn-up-and-play activities, the club continues to offer Tennis Tuesdays at 6.30pm, but also runs adult coaching at 6pm on Wednesdays and a beginner adult session on Saturdays at midday (TennisXpress).

All sessions are open to anyone, and while members receive a discount on the cost of the coaching sessions, you do not have to be a member of the club to take part (sessions currently £4 members/£6 non-members; social sessions are free of charge to all).

All coaching is provided by professionally qualified coaches working with Vale Tennis Academy, and equipment is provided.

More adult classes will be added in June, including another adult beginner class, a daytime adult coaching session, and some 'CardioTennis classes', a fitness class with music on a tennis court.

Send an email to info@barryctc.co.uk to find out more.

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League

THE latest results for the Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for April 24 are as follows:

First division: SV Gals (B Pycroft 34) 311, Special Angels (T Jones 28) 269; Pila Palas (M Barnett 33) 306, Barry Stars (M Richards 32) 312; Family and Friends (R Cummings 27) 238, Coppers (J Williams 26) 222; Bakers Dozen (K Janby, B Martin, A Harney 28) 273, Colcot Ladies (B Heathfield 26) 237; Red Admiral (S Clements 25) 217, Allsorts (R Dawe 23) 181; Space Finders (P Carter 32) 322, Cigar Ladies (H Brigham 32) 326; Family Affair (J Walden 27) 250, Bobby's Girls (J Barnett 23) 228.

Second division: Castle Bandits (J Farr 27) 189, Witchill Weebies (R Royle 30) 235; Roller Coasters (C Thomas 26) 202, Witchill Widows (N Barnfield 22) 200; Cad Con Fillies (L Old 26) 247, Rhoose Starlights (L Davies 24) 189; After Eights (M Conibear 31) 287, Airways Angels (A Sales, E Biss 30) 279; Breakaways (V Martin 30) 284, Merry Makers (R Collins 30) 262; Clickies (K Watts 38) 309, S V Lights (L Norris, M Seikas, D Thomas 32) 297; Fallen Angels (C H Jones 26) 267, Castaways (J Tobin 28) 282.

Third division: Little Devils (G Bowen 23) 207, Westenders (M Condon 31) 260; Vixens (M Marks 3) 255, Challengers (L Morgan 27) 271; Rebels (A Phillips, S Oram 27) 267, Up Town Girls (A Hobbs 27) 258; Rugby Triers (N Ray 27) 245, SV Ladies (F Butler, K Lacny 25) 253; Hill Billies (C Whyman 30) 301, Twilights (S Davies 28) 285; La-Belles (J Cordy 33) 333, Etcetera (J Barratt 31) 292; Witches (C Green 26) 228, Dolly Mixtures (L Marsh 27) 229.

Fourth division: Nite Outers (J Davies 27) 236, Livin' on a Spare (J Harvey 28) 221; Optimists (E Playle 27) 258, Aristocats (C Chatwell 27) 217; Off The Rails (S Doughty 26) 232, Socialites (J Pumis 28) 213; Persuaders (D Matthews 29) 222, Guardian Angels (S Clarke 28) 194; Liberals (G Shier 29) 268, Odd Bods (T Cerian 25) 186; Witchill Wanderers (J Morrissey39) 232, Hell Raisers (C Hatcher 31) 320.

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Barrivale Bridge Club - latest news

THE latest results for Barrivale Bridge Club for May 9 are as follows:

The Championship pairs, Session 1: First, Mark Roderick and Mike Best, 74.48 per cent; second, Peter Millar and Jane Brook, 61.46 per cent; third, Mick Green and Noelle Bond, 54.17 per cent.

Mike Best and Mark Roderick also won on handicap.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join the club, call 01446 418380; 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call in to the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

LH

FUNDING SCHEME NOW OPEN TO VALE CLUBS

SPORT and physical activity organisations across the Vale could be eligible for a share of funding totalling £86,251.

The Community Chest scheme, which is funded by Sport Wales and managed locally by the Council's Sport and Play Development team, can help local organisations who are planning to create new or improve upon current activities, improve existing facilities or send members on training courses.

The funding can also be used to purchase new equipment, for initial facility hire and additional coaching costs.

Recently, five Vale organisations were awarded a share of £6,945 to develop new sport and play activities and train coaches, with coach education being a priority of the Community Chest panel.

The panel, who decide who receives a share of the funding, and who reward those aiming to increase sport and play participation levels across the Vale, awarded funding to Glamorgan 'Artistic Roller Skating Club', Barry Athletic Football Club, Mariners Girls Rugby Cluster Centre, 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout Group and Barry Town United Ladies Football Club for sport-specific training in addition to first aid and safeguarding training.

The funding is not exclusively available for those looking to develop sporting activities, however: non-sport organisations that have previously been successful in receiving Community Chest funding include local scout groups, community associations, housing associations, disability organisations, youth clubs, residential homes and older peoples' groups.

Most organisations will be eligible to apply as long as they can demonstrate they are developing regular new activity and can meet the criteria.

The next Community Chest panel meeting is taking place on June 22, with a deadline date of June 8 for completed applications to be submitted.

If you would like to discuss a potential project, please call Karen Davies on 01446 704793.

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Cup final delight for Athletic under-16s!

BARRY ATHLETIC FC under-16s brought the curtain down on their junior football journey in fine style on Thursday, May 4 by clinching the Barry Junior Cup.

Sully Sports were the opposition for the Athletic, who traditionally had been a bit of a 'bogey' side for the players over the years.

The Barry team had got the better of Sully during the course of the season with two wins in the league programme, however, they were expecting a very difficult game as Sully often match the Athletic by always attempting to play good football.

The game was played in almost perfect conditions on the excellent Jenner Park pitch and in front of an enthusiastic crowd. The Athletic were the quicker of the two teams to enter into their stride and were soon putting the opposition goalkeeper under pressure by creating some half-chances.

However, it was Sully who created the first clear chance of the game. Hari Hartman demonstrated his excellent agility and reactions by pulling off an outstanding save from the Sully striker, low down to his right, keeping his team in the game as a result.

On the 15 minute mark, the Athletic broke the deadlock. A switch of play from Alex Brookes-Bent resulted in Sam Montgomery galloping down the right wing, cutting the ball back to Harri Edwards who flashed the ball across the goal mouth in order for Rhys Woolmer to finish calmly on the far post.

Full-backs Josh Francis and Alfie Davies were solid, stifling the usually effective Sully wide players. Soon after, the Athletic were two up.

A good corner delivery from Evan Wells saw the captain, Luke Vowles despatch the ball into the Sully goal with a bullet header with a near post run, a goal that was particularly pleasing as it was a move only practiced a few days prior.

Sully were not deterred and continued to fight back. Hartman was called upon again, this time evidencing his bravery, not often seen at this age, by beating the Sully player to the ball when it looked like a goal was the only likely outcome.

His clean punch resulted in him being clattered to the floor in a heap. With no reserve keeper to call upon, his team-mates were relieved when he dusted himself off to continue with the game.

At the half-time break, the instruction to the team was to keep possession of the ball and play 'through the phases'. Within 27 seconds of the restart, the players repaid the coaches' instruction by scoring the team goal of the game.

With the ball on the edge of the Athletic box, Vowles and Joe Allwood exchanged passes; Dan Barnett dropped into space, turned and played in Brookes-Bent.

He played the ball wide to Montgomery who then saw the excellent run from Edwards. Edwards took one touch around the Sully defender and cut the ball across the keeper and drilled it into the net.

At this point, Connor Bright, Jack Such and Cian McArthy-Williams entered the fray and they soon imposed themselves onto the game. When the Sully defenders failed to clear their lines from another corner, the ever reliable Allwood smashed the ball in from close range.

Five minutes later from yet another corner, the individual goal of the game was scored. McArthy-Williams, who was positioned on the corner of the box, plucked the ball out of the air with his knee and duly volleyed the ball into the top corner.

With five minutes remaining McArthy-Williams grabbed his brace with a left-footed far post strike and the game finished 6-0.

After the final whistle, the players were not only presented with their winner's trophies but also their trophies for finishing runners-up in the league.

Barry Athletic FC would like to thank the match officials, Johnny Miller, Nick Silva and Brian Scales, and Barry Town United FC for providing the hospitality in the clubhouse after the game.

The players and staff would also like to dedicate the victory to the memory of club president, Mr Brian Heathfield, who sadly passed away in November.

Having won the cup in their first season of junior football, this was indeed a fitting end to five competitive years together (10 including mini-football).

In those five years the team had finished as champions, gained two cup wins, as well as winning the Monmouth Town tournament and the Bridgend Town tournament.

However, the team is looking to progress to youth football next season - any players interested in joining the team, should contact the club via bafc75@gmail.com.

Squad: 1. H. Hartman, 2. J. Francis, 3. A. Davies, 4. L. Vowles, 5. J. Allwood, 6. E. Wells, 7. S. Montgomery, 8. D. Barnett, 9. H. Edwards, 10. A. Brookes-Bent, 11. R. Woolmer, 12. J. Such, 13. C. Bright, 14. C. McArthy-Williams.

AB

Murch in Munro Cup bowls action

ON Wednesday, May 10, Murch Bowling Club met Millwood in the Munro Cup.

In a closely-contested game Millwood came out on top by 62 shots to 54.

There was victory for the rinks led by Mark Hughes and Bill Frampton for Murch and for N Parry and A Buhford for Millwood.

Although the competition was keen, the match was played in a friendly sportsman like manner so a pleasant evening was had by all.

When the match was completed, everyone retired to the pavilion where Murch enjoyed Millwood's hospitality.

Novice bowler Michael Welchman had a very good game.

Anyone interested in joining the Murch Bowling Club can reach us on 02920 513396.

TP

Belle Vue slip to Shield defeat

BELLE VUE went down to Llantwit Major in the Carruthers Shield, losing 90-54. One winning rink, and three going down.

Rink one was our only winning rink, winning 18-14. Lead was Richard Fitzjohn, no 2 was Dave Smith, no 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was our club captain, Malcolm Thomas.

Rink two lost 29-15; lead was Dave Bradley, no 2 was Richard Brant, no 3 Alun Thomas and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink three lost quite heavily: 32-9. They started quite well but came unstuck as the game progressed.

Lead was Gerry Field, no 2 was Paul Booth, no 3 was Barrie Bagwell and the skip was Dave Purser.

Rink four started slow but got better, but not enough to pull it back; but they tried. Lead was Frank Keen, no 2 was Gordon Ford, no 3 was Paul Paterson and the skip Len Fowler.

The game was played in a very good spirit and it gave us goals to aim for – to try harder and to learn by our mistakes.

Thank you to Llantwit Major for the nice refreshments and food laid on. Better luck next time, we hope!

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Barry Athletic land league and cup double!

A lovely spring afternoon on Sunday, April 23 saw a good crowd at Jenner Park for the Supporter's Cup final.

The historic cup being played for the 70th consecutive season in local league football. Having already dispatched league high flyers Sully Sports and Barry Belgrade in earlier rounds Barry Athletic came into the final full of confidence.

Wearing the famous green of Cadoxton Albion, Athletic aimed to duplicate their founders success in this particular cup.

Before changing their name to Barry Athletic in 1975, Albion won the cup no less than nine times in 14 seasons between 1947 and 1960!

Captain, Spencer Price led his team by example. A first half penalty was awarded after a foul on Dan Morgan. Price took responsibility and dispatched with ease to send Athletic in 1-0 at half-time.

Athletic knew their opposition would tire second half so the message was to keep possession. Only eight minutes after the break, striker Dan Morgan met a cross with his head and calmly cushioned the ball past the stranded keeper.

Athletic now went into cruise control and continued to pass the football around the large pitch, SP Billy's defence were now camped on the edge of their penalty area and Athletic had to work hard to create goal scoring opportunities.

Eventually, in the 73rd Ben Graham produced a bit of individual brilliance to make it 3-0.

This seemed to trigger SP Billy into a fight. They reshuffled their pack and all of a sudden the Athletic's defence were having to work hard.

A stunning 25 yard strike from Lee Carter on 85 minutes and another effort hitting the post gave the Billy a glimmer of hope but it wasn't to be their day.

Spencer Price lifted the cup for the Athletic and the celebrations went on long into the night.

Pictured are the Barry Athletic squad - Back row, Matt Venton (coach), Emlyn Samad (coach), Jeff Howells (manager), Ben Graham, Izaac Farrag, Chris Simpson, Dan Morgan, Lewis Marsh, Ben Pearce, Leigh Vick, Travell Konten, Eddie Roe, Frank Roe. Front row, Ryan Hales, Billy Gratton, Linford Harris, Mark Kingdon, Spencer Price, Ady Gratton, Loucas Achilleos, David Budd. Mascots - Benjamin Venton and Robbie Gratton.

The Athletic went into the last game of the season knowing a win would clinch the league title.

With rivals, Barry Belgrade, ahead of them in the league table having finished their season the game had high stakes.

A large crowd gathered at Bryn Y Don to see who would become the Division 1 champions.

Opponents Cadoxton Barry rightfully fielded a strong team to ensure Athletic had to earn the right to the title. Cadoxton's experience saw them control the game for long periods in the first half, Athletic's nerves were showing as they struggled to string together any passages of play.

An injury saw Cadoxton bring on Ricky Sansom in the 35th minute, within minutes Sansom found himself alone in the Athletic box and fired home with precision to send Athletic in at half-time 1-0 down.

Athletic's coaching team remained confident during the half-time team talk. They sent the squad back out with the emphasis on Cadoxton tiring and Athletic making the most of any chances that came their way.

Just five minutes in and the game had turned on its head, Athletic were now dominating all over the pitch, determined that the season's hard work would be rewarded in the next 45 minutes.

Chance after chance came and went but just as the nerves were starting to creep back in Dan Morgan produced a pin point cross for Ben Graham to expertly volley the ball into the roof of the Cadoxton net.

The equaliser seemed to drain all life from the opposition. Apart from the occasional long ball to relieve the pressure, Athletic were now camped in the Cadoxton half.

It was in the 70th minute that top goalscorer for the past two seasons, Dan Morgan, bagged the league-winning goal after good work from Linford Harris down the right wing.

The goal sent the Athletic supporters, coaching staff and committee wild on the sidelines knowing that the league and cup double was as good as won.

The final 20 minutes saw Athletic's pressure continue. Numerous chances came and went with Cadoxton offering little in reply.

Unfortunately, Athletic couldn't add to their tally despite a couple of efforts thrashing the woodwork. Referee Graham Harris blew the final whistle, Cadoxton players respectfully offered their congratulations.

Club chairman and player Ady Gratton was given the honour of lifting the shield by coach, Jeff Howells. This was Gratton's first league win in 26 seasons of playing senior league football. A fitting end to a remarkable season for all involved. Athletic march on.

The club's senior section would like to dedicate it's double success to the memory of club president, Brian Heathfield, who sadly passed away in November.

AG

The Great British Tennis weekend enjoyed in Barry

HUNDREDS of tennis clubs around the UK took part in last weekend's Great British Tennis Weekend, an annual event supported by the Lawn Tennis Association, to encourage more people to play tennis.

Barry Community Tennis Club hosted an event in Romilly Park which included free taster sessions for adult and junior coaching, kids coaching, and 'CardioTennis', along with some tots' tennis activities, fun physical skills development stations and touchtennis matches.

The sun shone as more than 60 people of all ages took to the courts, got active and had loads of fun.

The club offers sessions for all ages and abilities, and equipment is provided. Players do not have to be members of the club to take part in any of its activities, although members do benefit from discounts on coaching sessions and special events.

To find out more, visit www.barryctc.co.uk or follow the club on Facebook/Twitter and search for the hashtag #GoHitIt. **PM**

Barry Community Tennis Club league round-up

THE first weekend of May was a busy one for Barry Community Tennis Club's teams, with the under-eight players visiting Penarth Windsor Lawn Tennis Club, while the under-12 boys and the ladies' teams hosted Usk Tennis Club and Llantwit Major Tennis Club respectively.

The under-eight team played with great energy and enthusiasm, and are continuing to develop with each fixture, while the under-12 boys, Danny Mickelsen and Noah Barrago, refused to concede even a single game in their three matches, winning their doubles match 6-0, 6-0, and repeating that score in each of their singles matches as well.

Despite the score, the visitors remained upbeat and enjoyed a post-match picnic in Romilly Park before returning to Usk.

The ladies' team, playing their 'sister' club (Llantwit Major Tennis Club is also part of the Vale Tennis Academy coaching programme), eventually won all four of their matches, but it was a very closely fought fixture, with one match going to a deciding tiebreak, and a total court time of just over three hours in beautiful spring sunshine.

The ladies also enjoyed a post-match picnic, and both teams are looking forward to the return fixture in a few weeks' time, because it was such a well-matched fixture with great sportsmanship on both sides.

To find out more about playing for Barry Community Tennis Club or taking part in any of the coaching or social sessions, please email info@barryctc.co.uk.

PM

Success for Evan and Christian

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams landed the Weatherbys General Stud Book Online Handicap Hurdle at Ffos Las on Tuesday with his six-year-old *Positively Dylan* which came home one-and-a-quarter lengths ahead of *Paddys Motorbike*, who just happens to be trained by Christian Williams, Evan's one-time assistant trainer and who recently was granted a trainers' licence.

Positively Dylan was ridden by Adam Wedge.

Debra Hamer who hails from the Vale saddled *Super Scorpian*, winner of the Weatherbys Handicap Chase under Tom Bellamy.

David Brace of the Dunraven Stud at Pyle near Bridgend has had great success with his homebred horses and in just six days he had three winners - *Dunraven Doc, Flying Eagle* and *Pink Eyed Pedro*.

The Gelligaer Farmers Point-To-Point Steeplechases will be held at Lower Machen near Rudry on May 20, first race 2pm.

EVAN'S BIG RACE WINNER

Llancarfan's Evan Williams got the new National Hunt season off to a great start when landing the £34,170 Swinton Handicap Hurdle at Haydock Park with his six-year-old *John Constable* who under Davey Russell bolted home some 14 lengths ahead of *Optimus Prime*.

Williams was winning the race for the third time and *John Constable* which went off the 5-1 favourite had been unlucky at Aintree on Grand National day when falling at the last flight in a handicap hurdle for amateur riders.

Court Minstrel, Williams' other runner in the race, finished fourth at odds of 20-1.

BRIAN LEE

Under-8s hit the courts!

BARRY Community Tennis Club's under-8s team hosted Mackintosh Tennis Club last weekend in their third fixture of the Aegon Team Tennis (South Wales) League.

Despite some soggy conditions, the players showed great sportsmanship and are growing in confidence each time they go on court.

Two of the players (Scott Mickelsen and Ethan Ashburner) are still only five years old, and for Chloe Bates it was her first ever competition, having only started playing tennis a couple of months ago.

Barry's Ashton Hocking came out on top in the longest match of the fixture, with a 15-13 point win (the matches are first to 10 points, but there must be a two point difference, so this match was a nailbiting marathon with both players giving their all to secure the victory).

Players and supporters had a great time, and followed the fixture with a picnic (under the shelter!).

This weekend sees action from the 9u, 12u and ladies teams.

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'Workmanlike' win is still valuable for Cowbridge cricket firsts

A workmanlike victory by six wickets against Gowerton was somewhat less spectacular than last week's heroics for Cowbridge Cricket Club, but was equally valuable as the league table starts to reflect the strengths of the various clubs.

The game was dominated by Ben Wright, Chris Willey, Tom Merilaht and Jonathan Hubsmidt.

It's hardly surprising that was the case as all four are cricketers capable of playing at the level the Club aspires to.

That said Gowerton have come to Cowbridge with stronger sides and on the basis of this performance a more together and positive mindset.

The visitors were never able to get any momentum in their innings. With wickets falling at short intervals none of the Gowerton batsmen could dig in and occupy the crease for any length of time.

The first five wickets fell at 5, 8, 16, 17 and 25, and that ripped the heart out of the innings.

The collapse was due to good opening bowling by Ben Wright (1-26) and Jonathan Hubsmidt (2-18).

With Gowerton on the rack, Tom Merilaht stepped up to show his all-round value to his side with 4-19 as the total stuttered to 90 all out.

For once Tom was unable to hold the innings together, but skipper Chris Willey, with 31 off 55 balls, was backed up by the former Glamorgan batsman Ben Wright, whose 44 off 37 balls ensured victory.

At the close of play Bronwydd remained on top of Division One with 77 points while Cowbridge have 55 and lie fifth.

The four clubs above Cowbridge all play each other this week while Cowbridge play the bottom side, Merthyr Tydfil.

The fixture list provides an opportunity for a further move up the table but given the way the Premier League works only the top side will achieve promotion.

It seems likely even now that the excitement will be season long.

As the afternoon developed, news reached The Athletic Ground that former Cowbridge cricketer Ian Cran had died in his native Scotland.

Ian and his wife Katherine were at the heart of the club's activities on and off the field during the 1980s and they attended the club's 175th dinner.

Sadly their plans to visit Cowbridge later in the summer will not happen but 'Crannie' will long be remembered as a great man to have in your team.

JRB

REDS EARN CUP DOUBLE!

ON Friday, May 5, Cowbridge Reds faced Cowbridge Blacks in the under-12 Brian Risborough Memorial Cup final at Jenner Park, the Reds having already won the league title with two games to spare.

The final was a tense affair, with both teams determined to come out on top, and even a freak own-goal each couldn't separate them at the end of normal play – 2-2 and then extra-time, the Reds finally winning the penalty shoot out.

A special mention to Cowbridge Town Blacks, who were excellent on the night and through the season.

To achieve the double in the first year of competitive football for this dedicated group of boys is testament to their hard work in training, and their incredible team ethic.

Every one of the boys has played a part in a first for Cowbridge Town AFC.

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Cowbridge Darts League news

ON Tuesday, May 9 a full programme of league matches was played.

Llanharry's push to join the race for second place was halted when they lost 3-6 to the Edmondes B. Paul Butcher hit an 86 out in this match.

This result gives the Edmondes B an 18-point lead at the top of the table, now needing just one point from their last two league matches, before they can be officially crowned champions.

The Edmondes C came back from 0-3 to beat the Hairy Farmers 6-3. Noyle Burt (Edmondes C), the league's oldest player, joined the 100 and over three-dart-out club with a 106 out in his match.

However, this margin of victory was not sufficient; it allowed the Edmondes A, by beating the Red Lion 9-0, to jump above them in the league table.

The Highwayman Inn beat the Farmers Arms 7-2, but the Six Bells Inn held on to second place by beating the Victoria Inn 6-3.

Present league standings, after 25 weeks, are: Edmondes B (159 points), Six Bells Inn (141), Highwayman Inn (139), Llanharry (133), Edmondes A (117), Edmondes C (116), Farmers Arms (101), Hairy Farmers (101), Victoria Inn (95) and Red Lion (23).

Next week (Tuesday, May 23) the final set of league games for the 2016-2017 season is scheduled.

The Victoria Inn hosts Llanharry and the Red Lion hosts the Edmondes B. The Six Bells Inn hosts the Highwayman Inn, a match that will most likely determine who is going to be this season runners-up.

A look at the present league table also shows some locally important league table positions will be decided when the Edmondes A hosts the Edmondes C and the Farmers Arms hosts the Hairy Farmers.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk

PJT

Local karate sisters' black belt success

Irsa and Sanaa with their black belts and grading certificates.

IRSA and Sanaa Morley have achieved their karate black belts.

The sisters, from a karate family, have been members of Cowbridge Karate Jutsu Kai for more than 10 years, during which they have been exemplary students, reported a spokesperson.

The grading examination took place over a weekend training camp at the Amelia Trust in Barry, ending with the sisters completing 20 continuous fights.

Cowbridge Karate Jutsu Kai is a thriving, volunteer-run organisation established over 30 years ago. For further information please visit www.cowbridgekarate.com or the Cowbridge Karate Facebook Page.

JUDO BEN SHINES FOR WALES SQUAD

BEN MOORE, who is in year-7 at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, travelled to Belgium with the Welsh judo squad last weekend for the Hermée International Cup.

After a long weekend of travel, and some explosive judo, Ben secured an individual gold.

This added valuable points to the great team effort that gave Wales under-12s first place in the Team Cup Event as well.

Cowbridge Bowls Club round-up

ANOTHER busy week for the ladies playing three matches with mixed fortune.

On Monday evening, May 8, Millwood were the visitors in a two rink league game.

Although drawing on one rink, Cowbridge won well on the other rink to ensure a comfortable overall win.

Rink scores: Lin Wallace, Sian Lewis, Lynda Wilson and Shirley Wilkinson 20-6; Diane Purnell, Diane Lloyd, Phyllis Price and Sylvia Hole 13-13. Match score Cowbridge 33, Millwood 19.

Away on grass the next day in a Cowbridge Shield Match at Porthcawl Prince of Wales Curlews, Cowbridge had one successful rink.

Joy Woolford, with support from Mary Dowdle, Diane Radley and Kay Edwards, won 15-8. The other two rinks lost heavily.

Match score Cowbridge 26, Curlews 59.

Away again on Thursday in a league game at Pyle and Kenfig, Cowbridge had one successful rink.

Sue Flower, with support from Diane Purnell, Dorothy Pritchard and Joy Woolford, won 19-14, while the other two rinks lost.

Match score Cowbridge 40, Pyle and Kenfig 51.

The men, for their midweek Munro Cup game, entertained Barry Romilly.

Cowbridge won on two rinks as did Romilly but there was an overall shot difference of 30 in Cowbridge's favour on account of an excellent rink win of 41 shots to 9 by Norman Wilkinson, with support from Terry Dunsworth, Mick Davey and Bryan Hole.

Match score Cowbridge 86, Barry Romilly 56.

On Saturday, for their second Carruthers Shield game, the men entertained Penarth.

With a number of regular players not available it was going to be an uphill task and although we won on one rink and drew on another, we were well beaten on the other two.

Match score Cowbridge 54, Penarth 91.

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